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"PULL - TOGETHER" SPIRIT KEEPS CAMP FOR LONDON Germans In Despair Give Up Attack On Ypres ALLIES PROGRESS AT DARDANELLES BY LAND AND SEA

SEXTETTE OF LONDONERS WHO WORKED HAND-IN-HAND FOR BEST INTERESTS OF CITY



Board of Trade Does Great Work in Holding Troops for the City of London

President Mitchell Found Fine Spirit of Co-operation Among
Citizens — Board Secure 500 Acres of Land and Will
Pay For Rental of It—Teamwork Won the Day.

The London Board of Trade and the utilities commissioners did splendid work in assisting yesterday in the difficult process of changing the mind of Gen. the Hon. Sam Hughes. While Mayor Stevenson and Controller Moore represented the city at Ottawa as soon as they arrived, President E. C. Mitchell, whose term expires today, being succeeded by T. W. McFarland, occupied every waking moment of his "eleventh hour" in having telegrams sent to the minister and in arranging for the securing of property. He was assisted by Messrs. Philip Pocock, C. M. R. Graham, T. W. McFarland, T. P. McCormick, George Belton, Dr. Harry Reason and many others—in fact, everyone to whom an appeal was made.

530 Acres Are Secured.

This morning the board of trade practically completed arrangements for the leasing of land in the immediate vicinity of Carling's Heights, which will give the military authorities an acreage of at least 530 acres. The cost will be between \$400 and \$500, and this will come from the funds of the board of trade, as that body agreed with the mayor to handle arrangements at this end. There will be a bill of \$1,500 for water mains, and the utilities commission will have this work done without cost. The properties which have been secured are:

The Smith and Fallon farms.	200
Merwin Heights	150
McCormick property	150
Lorne Heights and Hillcrest	100
Total	600
Carling's Heights	30
Total	630

Sufficient for All Needs.

This land, it is stated, will be more than adequate for all purposes. This morning those who negotiated with the owners were over the property. They were Messrs. Mitchell, Pocock, Reason, McCormick, Graham, Belton and McFarland, and the deals were closed within a short time. There is still some de-

tails of right-of-way to be arranged, but there will be no difficulty in the way by the time Brig.-Gen. Hodgins arrives in the city tomorrow.

President Mitchell said to The Advertiser this morning that everyone had shown a fine spirit, and that pulling together and using every means of reaching the minister had won the day. While the mayor and Controller Moore were in Ottawa, the board of trade was backing them up here by securing property and getting the right of way.

A copy of the telegram which was sent to Major-General Hughes, a copy of which was forwarded to Mayor Stevenson, was as follows:

"London Board of Trade voices the sentiment of the community in deprecating the proposed movement of troops in training. No request of your department has been refused here, and no indication of dissatisfaction with present accommodation and facilities has until now been received. London will provide whatever land is desired in the immediate vicinity of Carling's Heights, also free light and water. Great dissatisfaction will be felt throughout Western Ontario if the troops are removed from London, the natural and strategic centre."

This splendid conciliatory statement of London's case was received by the minister and also by the mayor, and it had a great effect in clearing the air.

Action Counted.

The board of trade came in for general praise this morning for having acted with such expedition. Their offer to finance the grounds was well received.

Other wires went forward to the board of trade, the retail department of the board of trade, the builders' exchange, the board of education, and the utilities commission.

As an example of what pulling together will gain for a city the result was splendid.

Here's Your Hat, Mr. Bernstorff

[Collier's Weekly.]

The present German ambassador's job is too small for him. In addition to making his own law and his own facts, he goes over the heads of the Government to which he is accredited, and with which alone he has any business, and lectures the American people on what to do if they "desire to observe true neutrality." If Count Bernstorff's remarks "reminiscent" were merely an outbreak of Berlin's nervousness, he should have said so. If it was his own make, then he is too full of Prussian jackboots as John Hay used to call it) to ever become a diplomat. In any case, what use is he at Washington?

ENEMY BEGINS NEW OFFENSIVE

General Move Along Prussian
Border Aimed At Baltic
States.

CRUISERS LIKELY TO AID
So Far Move Has Consisted
Mainly of Heavy Artillery
Fire.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, April 30.—A general German offensive movement once more is under way along the entire Prussian border from Tilsit to the Vistula River. The German advance this time evidently is aimed at the Baltic provinces which are rich in crops and other food supplies.

For months the military operations on the Prussian border had been limited to scouting parties, isolated artillery duels and aeroplane warfare.

From Polangen, a town in the Baltic province of Courland, it was reported today that an increased number of German cruisers were preparing to aid the contemplated advance of the land forces. Thus far the German offensive movement consisted mainly of heavy artillery fire at intervals along the whole front and rapid cavalry advances without infantry support.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours ending 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 67; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours ending 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Toronto, April 30.—8 a.m.

Winds mostly west and north; cloudy and cool with local showers today and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Toronto	54	40	Cloudy
Vancouver	54	40	Clear
Calgary	56	40	Cloudy
Winnipeg	54	40	Clear
Fort Arthur	54	40	Cloudy
Port Arthur	54	40	Cloudy
Port Huron	54	40	Cloudy
Toronto	54	40	Cloudy
Ottawa	54	40	Cloudy
Montreal	54	40	Cloudy
Quebec	54	40	Cloudy
Father Point	54	40	Cloudy

Pressure is now low over the greater portion of the continent, with a pronounced disturbance centred in Southern Alberta.

Rain has fallen generally in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while a few local showers have occurred in Ontario and Alberta.

ROGERS WINS OVER PREMIER, BUT DUKE IS YET TO SPEAK

Only a Miracle Will Save the
Country From a General
Election.

MINISTERS NOW AGREE

Majority Listen To Siren, But
the Governor-General
Dissents.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 30.—It is almost certain that Parliament will be dissolved next week. Only a miracle will prevent a general election taking place in June. A majority of the ministers has been won over by Hon. Robert Rogers.

When Mr. Rogers came back from Winnipeg and found his colleagues cold when he proposed election he was so vexed that he first went on strike, and then went to bed with a gripe. From his sickroom he kept on the pressure, and has compelled the ministers, one after another to bow to his dictation.

Premier Won Over.

When a majority of the ministers had been won over, Premier Borden was taken into the Rogers camp, and he is now with the minister of election.

It is believed that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught would prefer to see the British practice adhered to and the country left undisturbed by election until the close of the war. It will be the unpleasant duty of Sir Robert Borden to persuade the Governor-General that the reasons for an election are sufficiently serious to warrant a test of strength by the parties.

His Royal Highness' advisers still have His Royal Highness to deal with.

Billboards Hired.

Though the Government has not yet approached the Duke they have hired the billboards.

Every deal wall and boarding from Sydney to Victoria belongs to the Conservative party and will belong to them until June 21.

Hon. Louis Coderre, secretary of state is going out, and J. M. Teller, leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Legislature, is coming in. The change is being made to strengthen the Government politically in Quebec.

Ballots to the Front.

Votes for soldiers at the front have been sent forward in the custody of Mr. Harold Mayne Daly, son of the late Hon. T. Mayne Daly. It is of sinister significance that the instructions for taking the soldiers' vote contain an intimation that if a soldier feels incapable of marking his ballot he may have some other person mark it for him. This is taken to mean that few soldiers in the ranks will mark their own ballots.

The Government believes that the sentiment which has been developed by the great list of Canadians killed and wounded at the front will have such an effect upon the people that whatever they may think about the record of the Government they will vote against a change of administration in Canada until the close of the war.

One thing is certain, people should begin now to make up their minds they will vote in June.

WAR REVEALS LONG LOST BOY TO HIS RELATIVES IN STATES

Minneapolis, Minn., April 30.—Thirteen years ago Bernard Frank Lauffer, of Minneapolis, disappeared, and his relatives heard nothing of him until yesterday, when they received official word from Ottawa that Pte. Bernard Lauffer, 1st Battalion, had been seriously wounded with the Canadian contingent on the battlefield at Ypres.

Pte. Lauffer was employed as a carpenter with John Hayman & Sons, and resided at 572 York street. He was 20 years old. His papers gave his birthplace as Minneapolis, but none of his friends, it is stated, knew of his mysterious disappearance from home.

City's 'Pinch Hit' at the Right Time Saved the Camp

Many Good Citizens Joined
Hands and Combined Their
Resources With Tell-
ing Effect.

The Advertiser believes that citizens of all classes should give three big mental cheers for all the good citizens who got together and helped to save the camp for London.

It believes that the fine spirit which exists at the heart of this community was manifested yesterday during certain "dark hours." This is the spirit that London needs to show, and this paper believes that some of the men who deserve credit for having worked with all their might and resources in the sudden necessity to prevent an injustice being done this city, were the following:

MAYOR STEVENSON.
CONTROLLER J. P. MOORE.
PRESIDENT E. C. MITCHELL,
board of trade.
PHILIP POCOCK,
chairman utilities commission.
C. M. R. GRAHAM,
ex-mayor.
WM. GRAY, M. P.,
board of trade.
T. W. MCFARLAND,
board of trade.
T. H. SMALLMAN,
capitalist.
GEORGE H. BELTON,
board of trade.
GORDON PHILP,
industrial commissioner.
S. FRANK CLASS, M. P.,
board of trade.
W. CARLING.
COL. L. W. SHANNON,
J. H. CHAPMAN,
utilities commission.
JOHN MCCLARY,
manufacturer.
F. G. MITCHELL,
utilities commission.
COL. GARTSHORE,
manufacturer.

These men got out, and to quote Hughes' term, "scratched gravel," with the result that the city today is practically assured of the camp and has the land ready for the authorities.

If there is blame to be attached to anyone that will be known in due season. The present is no time to make a petty controversy of a civic disturbance that meant much to all citizens. When a municipal earthquake occurs—and this term does not seem too strong—everyone should get at the rescue work.

These men all had a hand in throwing out the lifeline.

Just here it might be said that The Advertiser has in its possession a copy of a telegram from Major-General Hughes which absolves Mayor Stevenson or any other civic authority of blame for the threatened loss of the camp. It places the blame elsewhere, but The Advertiser is unaware whether that blame is justly placed or not, and it does not believe the present time to recriminate. Whether there was a motive behind all the future remains to be seen. If there was politics or coercion or bluff behind the move the truth will be known in due time.

The public can rest assured that the camp will remain, and too much credit and too little censure cannot be given the men who acted in the immediate emergency.

MOTHERS SIGN PETITIONS.—More than forty thousand mothers and wives have signed petitions of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, asking the Dominion Government to do away with the wet canteen that is doing away with the Canadian overseas contingent.

BATTLESHIPS SOON SILENCE TURKS' FORTS

Correspondent Tells of Success
Gained By Allies On
Monday.

BATTERIES WIPED OUT

Naval Guns Aid the Landing
Parties, By Shelling
Adversaries.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 30.—Serious damage to the Turkish fortifications resulted from the bombardment by an allied fleet which was carried out simultaneously with the landing of troops in the Dardanelles Monday, according to the Chronicle's correspondent, who thus describes the operations:

"The bombardment grew terrific about midday. British and French ships were clearly visible from the entrance to the straits. The largest warships lay at the entrance near the European side with others in Erebus Bay, firing heavily on Kiled Bahr, and the mountains beyond. In the distance several ships directed the fire of the large units on the Chanak and Kiled Bahr forts.

"The noise of the firing was continuous, the discharges frequently reaching twenty a minute.

Forts Battered Down.

"Away to the left stretched the line of transports, which effected landings late in the afternoon on the coast opposite and on the peninsula. The effect of the naval bombardment evidently was severe. Tall columns of

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FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR ST. THOMAS

John Wise Killed and Dr. Tuf-
ford Injured When Auto
Overtaken.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, April 30.—As a result of an automobile turning turtle while racing over a high embankment near the Half-Way House on the gravel road at noon today, John Wise was instantly killed, and Dr. Tuford, of this city, terribly injured. The car belonged to Dr. Tuford, who was going to Mr. Wise's home to attend a patient. The dead man lived about four miles from St. Thomas.

MORE CASES HEARD.—To date this year, Police Magistrate J. C. Judd has heard 142 more cases than in the same period of 1914. Just 1,171 cases have been tried in the Carling street court this year, against 1,029 a year ago.

SAYS ENEMY ATTACK ON YSER HAS ENDED

Times Correspondent States Germans Have Fallen Back,
and Are Struggling To Defend Their Gains—
Belgians Holding Them.

London, April 30.—[The Canadian Press.] The Times correspondent in Northern France, writing under date of Thursday:

"The enemy has fallen back on the defensive," says the correspondent, "and is struggling to defend the small territory gained. Filled in the attempt to cross the canal the enemy made an equally vain attempt to force a passage of the Yser at Dixmude. Belgian shells and bombs destroyed pontoon bridges as soon as they were in position, and the gallant Belgian army still holds its line intact."

PRESENCE OF MAYOR AND MOORE AT OTTAWA PREVENTED REMOVAL OF SOLDIERS FROM CITY

Papers For Transfer of 33rd Had Been Signed—Carrying of
Message To Hughes Saved the Situation—Stevenson
and Controller Confident of Retaining Soldiers.

The retention of the camp in London seems assured, if we can get land that will be accepted by the military authorities, and we will get that." This was Mayor H. A. Stevenson's statement upon his return from Ottawa today after interviewing Major-General Sam Hughes. He was glad to know the board of trade had already secured the land.

"When Controller Moore and I arrived at General Hughes' office the mobilization papers, ordering the transfer of the 33rd and the 7th C. M. R. to Guelph, were signed and ready to be sent out. As soon as we had presented our proposition he reconsidered his previous action, and informed us that if London would provide the necessary land, water and light the soldiers would remain here."

PRESENCE SAVED THE DAY.

"Major-General Hughes informed us that it was only our proposition that had been sent him from here, and particularly over journalistic interference with the announced arrangements."

"We were well received, and the minister called a special meeting of the military council to consider the proposition, with the result that Brigadier-General Hodgins will be here tomorrow to go over the ground."

"The mayor, as far as Coteau Junction with the minister yesterday afternoon on his way home, and had an opportunity of amplifying the city's requests for consideration."

Everything Satisfactory.

"Everything seems satisfactory now," declared Controller J. P. Moore, who accompanied the mayor. "For my own part I think that too much fuss has been raised over the proposition. I don't think that it was at all necessary."

"We have the minister's promise that if we will supply the site, water and light that we will keep the soldiers here."

"There has been some talk of the city representatives being at fault in allowing the camp to get away from here," said a reporter. "What do you think of that?"

"Why, there is nothing to it. If the city has done nothing, it is simply because we did not think that anything was necessary. When we were down at Ottawa seeing the minister in connection with the fair grounds grandstand, he was more than genial. He told me that London had done more for the military authorities than any other city, and that it would not be forgotten. We asked if anything more was wanted, and he said no. In view of that, I can hardly see where it can be said that the city was at fault."

Controller W. W. Gammage, who was present when Controller Moore made the above statement, and who was also one of those present on the visit to the minister re the fair grounds, concurred with the latter's declaration.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, April 30.—2:30 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, reading as follows:

"We made progress yesterday to the north of Ypres in the region of Steenstraete."

"The city of Rheims received 500 shells, of which many were of an incendiary nature. These missiles started several fires, but it was found possible to circumscribe them and to put them out quickly."

"In the Champagne district the enemy shelled an ambulance corps, wounding several."

"German warships have been reported at large off the coast of Belgium. 'Dunkirk' yesterday received nineteen shells of large calibre. Twenty persons were killed and 45 wounded. Some houses were destroyed."

Often Reported.

"There have been several dispatches in the past week indicating that German warships were at large in the North Sea, evidently having evaded the British men-of-war, which for many months have been doing patrol duty in front of the German naval bases on the eastern side of the North Sea."

The latest report along this line was brought in by Capt. Scott, of a Swedish steamer, who declared that he had seen in the North Sea a German fleet numbering no less than 45 vessels of all classes, from battleships to torpedo-boats.

Dunkirk is on the northern coast of France, within a few miles of the Belgian frontier. It is at the northern entrance of the English Channel, and is to the east of Dover and to the west of Ostend.

Belgians Repulse Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 30.—11:35 a.m.—There has been given out at Belgian army headquarters an official report reading as follows:

"During the night of April 28-29 our troops repulsed with success a German attack delivered from Steenstraete. On April 29 the enemy's artillery became active and bombarded at intervals various parts of our line. We occupied a farm to the south of Planvoetberg."

SHOW LACK OF INTEREST.—Because there is a lack of interest in the meetings of the Methodist Council composed of Methodist ministers of the city, the association may be disbanded. A meeting was held last night in Wesley Hall and after some discussion was adjourned for a week, when it will decide definitely whether to continue the meetings.

MOTHER SUPERIOR, CARING FOR AGED, KILLED BY SHELL

Germans Also Manage To Slaughter Some Nuns At Ypres—
Most Colossal Artillery Duel of the War Abates
and the British Hold Fast.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

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Headquarters of British Army in Northern France, April 29, 10 p.m., via London, April 30.—The great artillery duel, one of the most colossal of the war, abated today.

Only a few shells are falling today along the battle line, where Gen. French's forces have once again thrown back the high tide of the German offensive.

Tower Still Stands.

Ypres suffered greatly, but the most noted landmark in Flanders, still stands. It

miraculously escaped destruction in the hail of shells with which the town was deluged by the enemy.

The entire battle front was comparatively quiet today, an eloquent tribute to the valor of Gen. French's men, who still hold the gateway to Calais and the straits.

Pathetic Incidents.

There have been some pathetic incidents. A long-range German shell, falling in the yard of a convent in Poperinghe, blew off the top of the head of the aged mother superior while she was gathering the aged and infirm inmates about her, preparatory to leaving for a place of refuge.

Another shell killed three of the nuns and wounded four.

4,000 Germans Annihilated:
Own Guns Turned Upon Them

[Canadian Press.]

Havre, April 30.—The virtual annihilation of 4,000 Germans who crossed the Yperes over a bridge near Steenstraete, is described by the newspaper Vingtieme Siecle. Belgian heavy artillery destroyed the bridge, while field artillery showered the troops with shrapnel. Many tied handkerchiefs to their bayonets and raised them in sign of surrender, but immediately their own quick-firers, the newspaper says, opened fire and mowed them down pitilessly. Many survivors were made prisoners by the Belgians.