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FRENCH FORCES RESUME ADVANCE AT THE SOMME AND MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS

Heavy Fighting All Night on British Section of Advanced Line—Germans Offer Stubborn Resistance to Russian Progress—Russians Pursue Austrian Rear-guard to Spurs of Carpathians—Roumanian Parties Unite—May Support Allies—Germans Rush Reinforcements to Somme Section—Whole British 90-Mile Front Actively Engaged—Hans Again Repulsed at Verdun.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON ACRE AND SOMME; ADVANCES MADE.

LONDON, July 5.—This morning's British headquarters' announcement says that heavy fighting continued throughout the night in the night in the neighborhood of the Ancre and the Somme. German artillery was intensely active in certain sectors. Attacks on the new British trenches near Thiepval were beaten off. Further progress has been made at certain important points.

FRENCH ADVANCED LAST NIGHT CAPTURING TRENCH AND IMPORTANT TERRITORY

PARIS, July 5.—The French War Office reports that the drive was resumed last night. The French captured a German trench line north of the Somme while south of the river they captured Stormont Farm opposite Clerly and all the region to Hill 63 on the road between Flaucourt and Barleux.

RUSSIANS ON SPUR OF CARPATHIANS.

PETROGRAD, July 5.—The War Office reports that the Germans are making a stubborn resistance to the Russian offensive which now reaches to the spur of the Carpathians and has attacked the strong rear-guards of the Austrians.

ROUMANIAN PARTIES COALESCE: FAVOR ENTENTE.

LONDON, July 5.—Bucharest dispatches received via Amsterdam state that the parties of Take Jonescu, former minister of the interior, and M. Filipesco, former minister of war and leader of the Conservatives, have joined forces and in future will act together. Both parties are frankly in favor of Roumanian intervention on the side of the Entente Allies.

GERMANS RUSHING REINFORCEMENTS TO THE SOMME.

LONDON, July 5.—A despatch from the western front quotes prisoners as having stated that German units are being rushed to the Somme front from as far as Verdun to the east and Lens to the north.

According to the same despatch a German officer who surrendered 150 men in a body said he thought they would be of more use alive in Germany after the war than dead.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION.

DOVER, Eng., July 5.—The American steamship Jacob Luckenbach was sunk today in collision with an unidentified steamship off Dover. Her crew of 31 was rescued.

GERMANS AGAIN REPULSED AT VERDUN.

PARIS, July 5.—The War Office announced today that the Germans made a powerful attack last night on the Verdun front between Avocourt and Hill 304 using liquid fire extensively but were repulsed after suffering heavy loss. East of the Meuse a violent cannonade continued throughout the night, particularly in the region of Thiaumont and the Chenois Woods.

FIGHTING ALONG WHOLE 90 MILES OF BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, July 5.—Reuter's correspondent at the press camp in France points out that not merely 20 miles of the main operations, but the whole 90 miles of the British front are bearing their full share of the fighting.

"So well do the enemy know this," says the correspondent, "that he dare not transfer a single gun or man from any part of his defensive between the Yser and the Somme to try to stem the south push. From the day the British bombardment began, the knell of German initiative was sounded."

TO REPLACE ELIGIBLES IN MUNITION WORK.

Montreal, July 5.—A scheme to compel eligible workers in munition factories in this district to enlist was

SIR E. SHACKLETON ARRIVES IN CHILE.

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile, July 5.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, arrived here today.

RUSSIANS SMASH GERMAN FRONT.

LONDON, July 5.—Interest in the Russian campaign is transferred by today's War Office communications from the capitals of the three nations engaged to the north of the Bukovina sector.

An entirely fresh offensive undertaken by the Russians northeast of Baranovichi netted them, they claim, about 2,800 prisoners, eleven cannon and several machine guns. The battle still continues there.

The hardly fought struggle between the Sty and Stokhod rivers and southward is also in progress, but without decisive results.

Berlin today reports a notable gain in Galicia, southeast of Thumack. Here, by a speedy thrust, the Russians were forced back to a depth of more than five miles and on a front of nearly thirteen miles.

It is pointed out, however, that the account of the fighting at this point may be interpreted as a belated admission that General von Bothmer's army, threatened by the Russian advance west of Kolomea, had previously yielded ground along the Tarnopol front. Thumack lies twenty-seven miles north of Kolomea and twenty-three miles southeast of Buczac.

The capture of Kolomea, threatening von Bothmer's communications, may compel him, it is believed, to retire on Lemberg for his big stand.

In the Kolomea region about 1,500 prisoners and some cannon were captured by the Russians. According to special despatches from Petrograd, the steady advance of General Brusiloff's left wing, despite the desperate resistance of the Austro-Germans, indicates that in a few days his front will assume the form of a regular arc centred on Lemberg.

BRITISH AND FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS; TOTAL OF PRISONERS OVER 14,000.

LONDON, July 5.—British official despatches issued today record little change in the situation on the British front, though some progress was made. La Boisselle was completely captured and some German attacks were repulsed. The Germans have brought up strong reinforcements from other parts of their line and are stubbornly contesting every yard of the British advance. Torrential rains, today however, hampered the offensive operations, and the British action was confined to consolidating the ground already won. Yesterday the remnant of a German battalion surrendered at Fricourt.

The French have captured two more villages and are on good roads to Petonne. The Germans claim to have driven the French out of Hardecourt. There is yet no decrease in the violence of the German attacks in the Verdun region.

Up to the present the Anglo-French captures in their attack of the Somme total more than 14,000 prisoners, twelve heavy guns and twenty-eight field guns. This booty represents for the man in the street a very satisfactory result of a little over three days' fighting.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY PATROLS CROSS THE CARPATHIANS.

LONDON, July 5.—Russian cavalry patrols have crossed the Carpathians and entered Hungary, according to a wireless despatch received from Kimpoling and entered Hungarian territory on Tuesday. They cut the telegraph wires here from Bucharest.

It is added that the news that invaders are again on Hungarian soil caused a deep impression in Budapest.

The despatch says that the patrols advanced and blew up buildings in which food and munitions were stored.

launched today through the Irish-Canadian Rangers at a meeting of the munitions manufacturers, called by Mr. J. H. Sharrard, Chairman of the Montreal Board of Trade Recruiting Committee. The scheme is to compel eligible workers in munition factories in this district to enlist was

SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PARTY

Under the Auspices of the Red Cross Society at Massasauga.

NOTABLE ADDRESSES

By Eloquent Speakers From Belleville and Prince Edward County

(From our Ameliasburg Correspondent.)

The valuable work being done throughout Canada by the Red Cross Society cannot be fully estimated, while the men are doing valuable service to the Empire in enlisting the ladies are doing equally as great service in their work by supplying those at the front with the many comforts and necessities which are appreciated very highly by our boys in the trenches and hospitals. All over Canada the ladies have been indefatigable in their efforts and the noble work is being carried on with a harmony worthy of the highest commendation. On Saturday, July 1st, the Red Cross Society of Massasauga held a social at the residence of A. W. Anderson, near Rosemore, for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the good work in which they are engaged. The beautiful lawn was tastefully decorated with flags and illuminated with lights and torches. At an early hour the grounds were comfortably filled by those interested in the movement, from miles around. When the difficulties under which the ladies have to work in the country is considered their efforts have been crowned with a success few could have predicted. The movement at Massasauga is under the able leadership of Mrs. Howard Huff as President and too much credit cannot be given her in the work the society has accomplished under her charge. Already over \$400 worth of goods has been made up and sent forward with the greatest appreciation and kindly acknowledgement of the Red Cross Society overseas. After refreshments had been served Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., having been invited to preside, called the gathering to order and introduced an interesting program by the singing of "O Canada". The popular member for Prince Edward ably discharged the duties he was asked to perform. His address was appropriate for the occasion and was delivered in that easy manner which is fast making for himself a reputation of a pleasant and interesting speaker. He paid a well deserved tribute to the ladies and spoke in particular of the large number of entertainments in the county. It was a fact that at public gatherings he had attended of late there was a noticeable lack of young men being in attendance from what there were at similar gatherings a year ago. Mr. Parliament was heartily cheered at the conclusion of a short address. A couple of songs were given by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Phillips and were well received. Dr. Tennent, of Belleville, was expected to be present, but was obliged to go to Toronto thereby causing some disappointment to those who had hoped to hear some information from the battle-front from one who had had some personal experience. However the able addresses by the other speakers made up for any loss sustained through the absence of Dr. Tennent.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn was the first speaker and gave a very interesting address. He began his address by referring to his auto episode of late and said he did not know but he would rather go through some of the experiences of actual warfare than to tussle with an unruly automobile. He wished those present to take notice of the report circulated in Belleville by Bill Diamond that he was drunk when he had the auto accident as there was no truth in it. Mr. O'Flynn's address was indicative of deep pathos at times as he referred to the anxiety experienced by those who waited and watched to hear from loved ones in the war zone. He spoke eloquently of the great sacrifice the boys were making in giving their lives for the freedom and liberty of those remaining at home and concluded a splendid address by eulogizing the work being done by the Red Cross movement and urging all who could possibly enlist to do so at once.

Lt.-Col. Ponton upon being called upon gave one of the best addresses he has had the privilege of giving on this side of the bay. The noble work done by the ladies was lauded and fittingly illustrated by many examples. He said that during the past month

12,000 Canadians had been enrolled on the casualty lists and now that the great drive was reported begun, the wastage might be looked forward to now, to increase at an alarming extent and considerable enlisting would be needed to fill up the gap. It was no longer a fight over a "scrap of paper" it was a fight in earnest for our lives, and the men who were serving and dying in the trenches to-day pouring out their life-blood to conserve and maintain for us the liberties we were enjoying as British subjects were making the greatest of all sacrifices and justly entitled them to the distinction of heroes. He looked confidently forward to victory but he did not overlook the awful loss of life which must necessarily take place before peace was proclaimed. The Colonel's address was listened to with deep interest and when he made a fitting reference to the commemoration of Confederation and the solidifying of the various provinces into one grand Dominion, which we were celebrating today he humorously said this confederation reached further than Canada, even to Detroit and Adrian and linked the tie of relationship nearer with them and Manitoba and Ontario. This pleasing reference of the Colonel was followed by the Scotchman's and Irishman's best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson, the newly married couple present. Mr. Anderson's home being in Manitoba and the bride being Miss Mary Morden, eldest daughter of J. Benson Morden, of Adrian, Mich., a former resident here.

Mr. John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank, followed and spoke feelingly of the sadness which existed in many homes from the awful results of this terrible war. He paid a well deserved compliment to the ladies and said it was a shame the men did not come forward more generously and freely with funds to carry on the Red Cross work without compelling the ladies to hold socials and such like to raise the necessary funds. He thought the proper way to raise this money was through the council and he hoped the reeve of Ameliasburg would not hesitate to take up this matter with his council and supply the ladies with the necessary money and relieve them from soliciting funds by the various means they were obliged to adopt at the present time. Mr. Elliott spoke of the great work being done by the Belleville Red Cross workers and closed an interesting address by offering his services wherever he could assist. Duets by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, solos and choruses (notably "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground") with games and refreshments filled a most successful evening which illustrated the unity of the community. The gathering closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

S.S. NO. 13, AMELIASBURG.

Another severe electrical storm visited us on Sunday. Although the flashes of lightning were very vivid and the thunder accompanying it very loud, yet no damage was done in this immediate vicinity.

Miss Flossie Carrington is still in Kingston visiting her brother, Pte. Orwell Carrington, and also other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brown visited at C. N. Adams' on Sunday. Pte. Cecil Carley spent the weekend with his parents here and also called on other friends. Cecil returned to Barriefield on Monday expecting to sail for overseas in the very near future.

Mr. James Way has returned to his home in Toronto after having spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Roy Dempsey.

Mrs. George Aleya visited her mother, Mrs. A. Prymer in Bloomfield on Saturday last.

Several from this neighborhood attended Consecration Methodist church on Sunday evening to hear Rev. C. G. Williams' farewell sermon as he is leaving for overseas in the near future.

The Red Cross meeting was well attended on Wednesday last at the home of Mrs. W. C. Pulver. Members of Adams' Sunday School and neighbors and friends in the section presented Pte. Cecil Carley with a purse of money on Monday afternoon before his leaving for the front. All wish him God speed and a safe return.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hubbs and family of Victoria were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dempsey. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Carley, Pte. Cecil and Ray took dinner on Monday, with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pulver. Will Kemp and children, Gardenville. Mr. J. Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aleya.

Protect the child from the ravages of worms by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is a standard remedy, and years of use have enhanced its reputation.

ADDRESS ON CO-OPERATION

Ontario and Western Canada Speakers Here to Organize Farmers of District.

Farmers of the district in fairly large numbers are meeting today in the city council chamber when the claims of the United Farmers of Ontario are being presented by Messrs. Tucker, Morrison, and others.

Mayor Ketcheson this morning in welcoming the visitors said that in this day the farmer had to be a big business man. The main business of Belleville is with the surrounding country.

Farming is becoming a business industry, declared Mr. J. J. Morrison, of Arthur, Ont. The "United Farmers of Ontario" belongs to the farmers. If this movement breaks down there will not be another effort made to unite farmers in this generation.

Farmers have no reason to be ashamed of their calling. They are what their environment has made them. This environment must be changed somewhat. "If conditions are not right, we have only ourselves to blame. We have let the best men slip away from the farm because of lack of inducement."

The urban people control finance, politics, education, and center them in the cities. Everything that stands for wealth and power is centered in the cities, because the farmer was "backward in coming forward." The farmer does not want to come to the front. He has as a result been shoved out, particularly in politics. Canada has only sixteen men in parliament who claim to be farmers and only half of these are real farmers. How can the agricultural life be properly protected?

The farmer simply produces and lets the other fellow set the price. The government is aware something is wrong.

"We have more capital than all other industries put together but we are afraid to use it," said Mr. Morrison.

Rural depopulation was discussed 47 per cent. of population is agricultural and 53 per cent. urban. "We have lost the balance of power."

Some say that the farmer is to blame because he does not give his sons and daughters enough money and amusements. If we did, where would we be? It is conditions that have brought this about.

Mr. J. J. Kennedy, vice president of the Grain Growers' Grain Company outlined the work in the West. A few farmers realizing that they were not getting sufficient value for their grain and labor united. The Grain Growers' Associations they cold war on the proposals of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, but today that company has a paid up capital of a million dollars. By the 31st of August, the tangible assets will be \$2,000,000. This is the company that started in 1906 with \$1,800 in debt.

Mr. Kennedy touched on the export business of the company. He cited facts to show that farmers organize. The Grain Company conducts business not for profits but to improve conditions.

POLLUTING THE WATER

Dear Sir,—Will His Worship the Mayor, and City Council please look into the waters of the river at the eastern end of the lower bridge? They will discover that the whole river has vast quantities of manure an excreta which I am informed comes from the Davie's establishment at Corbyville. Not only is the river horribly and dangerously polluted, as I have mentioned but other cast-off materials, are emptied in the river. The result is that no fish can live when this stuff is pouring down to empty in the bay, and destroy the fish. Many people use the water of the river for household purposes. Imagine how dangerous it is to the public health. Trolling in the river, the entire line was covered with a thick scum, from this source, is it not directly contrary to law to have our river made the receptacle of these abominable and dangerous materials? Immediate action should be taken, as the hot weather may induce horrible diseases from this source.

I am
Observer.

CASUALTIES

Pte. Harry Clayton McDonald, of this city is according to the latest report from Ottawa, "unofficially reported prisoner of war."

Pte. Redford Richardson of this city, No. 442120 is reported wounded in action.

Pte. H. A. Goodwin of Bloomfield, is wounded.

AGRICULTURE.

In connection with Mr. Rowell's advocacy of a more thorough-going agricultural policy, the Liberals introduced a resolution in the Legislature on April 5th, 1916, which was rejected by the Government, as follows:—

"That in view of the condition of agriculture in this Province presenting the war end of the pressing problems which the war has created, this House is of the opinion that a great advance in the agricultural policy of the government is one of the most urgent and vital needs of Ontario to-day, such policy to include:—

(1) Making more available to rural communities the scientific and technical knowledge taught in our Agricultural Colleges, by the establishment of agricultural schools and demonstration farms throughout the Province; (2) The inauguration of an effective system of rural credits; (3) The development of co-operative effort in buying and selling; (4) Financial assistance by way of loans at a low rate of interest, on the security of land and improvements, to assist desirable settlers in establishing themselves in the newer parts of the Province, and to enable farmers in the older parts of the Province to improve and increase the productivity of their lands."

The introduction of the resolution was accompanied by one of the most carefully thought out, best prepared and intelligent debates which had occurred in the Legislature for a long time. It was organized by the Liberal members under the leadership of Thos. Marshall of Lincoln; C. M. Bowman of West Bruce; Nelson Parliament of Prince Edward; G. A. Gillespie, West Peterboro and J. C. Elliott, West Middlesex.

The Government did not accept the Opposition's proposals but the country is undoubtedly indebted to the initiative of these men in presenting such a comprehensive and constructive program of agricultural progress.

Each of the members took up some different phase of the rural problem. Mr. Bowman dealt with the relation of war and finance to agriculture. Mr. Parliament pleaded the case for rural credits; Mr. Gillespie put forward the claims of the dairy industry; Mr. Elliott devoted himself to agriculture and agricultural education and Mr. Marshall summed up the whole case. It was recognized at the time that the debate had a significance also as giving an indication of the aggressive policies being taken up by the Liberal Party now that the Temperance question has been settled so greatly to their satisfaction.

BIG ISLAND.
Presentation to Pte. H. E. Coborne. Pte. H. E. Coborne: Dear Classmate and Friend: As you have been wearing the King's uniform for some time, and as we understand you will soon be crossing the sea for active service, we have met tonight at the home of our teacher, Mr. D. B. Salisbury to spend a social evening together.

You have lived many years in our midst and have won many friends and you have always taken a great interest in church and Sunday School work.

We will miss you very much and we ask you to accept this wrist watch as a token of our love and esteem for you.

We trust and pray that God will guard and protect you from all harm and bring you safely back to Canada and home.

Signed on behalf of the class
Helena Goodmurphy
D. B. Salisbury.

The Women's Institute met at Mrs. D. Johnson's on Tuesday and report a very successful meeting, twenty-nine members being present. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Peck on July 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spellman of Pittsburg celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on June 20th at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Morden.

A very pleasant evening was spent those present being:—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caughey, Miss Aggie Caughey, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Salisbury and daughter Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Viddler, Miss Nettie Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarwood and Mr. N. Waring of Picton were calling in this vicinity one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Graham of Belleville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mills.

Mrs. John Warden and daughter Muriel and Mrs. Hall spent Thursday with Miss Nettie Cunningham.

Pte. H. E. Coborne of Barriefield Camp spent the week-end at his home.

Miss C. Weeks of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Belleville who has purchased a farm here spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mills.