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"SAVE THE COUNTRY" --- JOFFRE SAYS IS VERY IMPORTANT THING

Correspondents Al-
lowed Privilege of
An Interview.

French Master of
Strategy is an Im-
pressive Person.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
PARIS, Nov. 30.—A representative
of the Havas Agency, together with
a party of Paris newspaper men, has
been received by General Joffre at his
headquarters. Since is the first time
since the outbreak of the war that
the commander-in-chief has consented
to see the press. In describing the
headquarters and what he saw there,
the Havas correspondent says:
"The office from which the general
directs operations is in a public school
in a quiet town. There is no undue
size or bustle on the little streets,
and a stranger would never suspect
the presence in the modest place the
head of the allied armies.

"General Joffre's private office is
on the first floor of the school build-
ing. The correspondents were at once
shown up, and as they entered the
general rose from his desk and stood
in the middle of the room. He was
in undress uniform, with top boots
and tunic, but wore no decorations.
"He was just as all Frenchmen
picture him. His features reflect the
character of the man in every line,
showing a combination of energy and
goodness, gentleness and firmness.
"The formidable cares and anxieties
of the past four months have not
aged his countenance, nor bent the
athletic frame. His whole personality
breathes physical and moral vigor
in the highest degree.

"I am happy to welcome you,
gentlemen," he said. "Your work will,
I hope, enable you to correct cer-
tain errors, which the Germans are
musty disseminating in the public
mind. You will carry back with you
no set doubt or misapprehension
from your visit to the armies."

"We began to congratulate him,
respectfully on the military success
conferred on him by President Poin-
caré. He interrupted hastily:
"That is of no importance at all.
What matters above everything is to
save the country."

"The general pronounced these
last words with such an accent that
each of us in his own mind added:
"And he will save it!"

ARE IN RETREAT.

PETROGRAD, via London, Nov.
30.—"Fighting on the Russo-Prussian
front is turning advantageously for
our side," telegraphs a correspondent
of the Army Messenger. "Our cav-
alry has dispersed the enemy, who,
retiring, is abandoning his munitions
of war. The energetic pursuit of our
forces prevents the Germans from
taking up the position which they had
prepared for their use in the event of
a retreat.

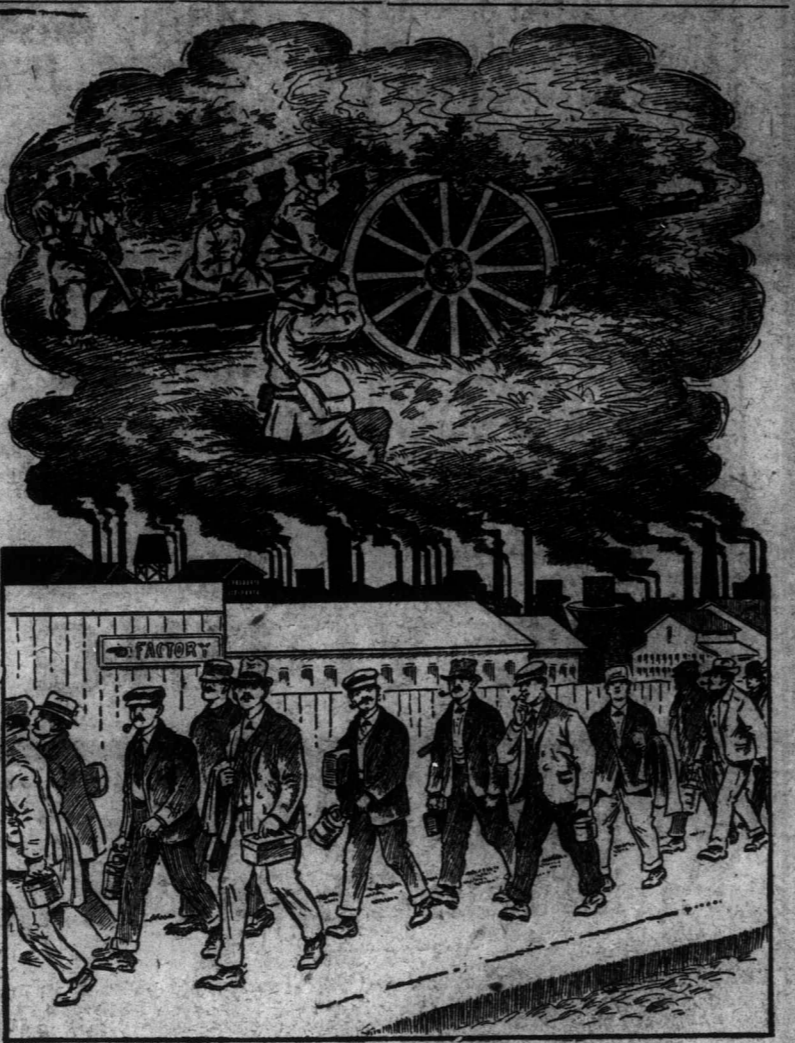
Referring to the operations in Gal-
icia, the Army Messenger says:
"All of our operations in Galicia
are ending successfully for us. We
continue to push the Austrian army
in the direction of Cracow. In spite
of the intense cold, which is delaying
our offensive, we are advancing vic-
toriously.

"Several of our contingents already
are abreast of Cracow, the defenders
of which are being turned on the
south side. The morale of our troops
is excellent."

Indians Are Being Chased by a Posse

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
PEMBROKE, Ont., Nov. 30.—
Though fully two hundred well ar-
med men divided into posses, are scour-
ing the surrounding country for
miles in all directions, the Indians,
Peter White Duck and Antony Jacko,
who last night escaped from Pemb-
roke jail, after murdering Turnkey
Coxford and seriously wounding
Jailer Brown, were still at large this
afternoon. The last trace of the fugi-
tives was found early this morning
at Mud Lake, 7 miles south of Pem-
roke. There, tracks in the snow were
followed on to the lake, where thin
ice had forced them to turn back
and cross on a bridge. The tracks
were lost on the bridge. The search
is being directed by Sheriff Alex
Morris, the largest posse being
at Golden Lake in charge of W.
H. Williams, the C. P. R. legal re-
presentative here, who has the Indian
reservation at the lake under surveil-
lance at present, to prevent aid being
sent to the murderers.

The Frenchman asked an English
steward what he was making "A
yard," was the reply. "How much
have you got done?" was the next
question. "A yard." "Where did
the spar come from?" "The yard."
And the Frenchman was very much
surprised at the facility with which
answers and amazed at the simplic-
ity of our language.



THE FIRING LINE IN EUROPE IS DEPENDING
ON THE WORK LINE IN CANADA.

SIR JOHN FRENCH TELLS HOW BRITISH HAVE HELD GROUND

General French Gives Details of An-
other Week of Strenuous Hand-to-
Hand Warfare—Indians and Terri-
torials Are Especially Praised.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal
Sir John French, commander-in-chief
of the British forces in the field,
speaks in an optimistic vein concern-
ing the position of the allies in a re-
port issued to-day by the Official
Press Bureau. The report covers in
a general way the activities of the
British troops from November 11 to
20.

Summing up the situation in con-
cluding his report, Field Marshal
French says:
"As I close this despatch signs are
in evidence that we are possibly in
the last stages of the battle from
Ypres to Arras. For several
days past the artillery fire of the en-
emy has slackened considerably, and
his infantry attacks have practically
ceased.

"In remarking upon the general
military situation of the allies, as it
appears to me at the present mo-
ment," General French continues, "it
does not seem to be clearly under-
stood that the operations in which
we have been engaged embrace nearly
all of the central part of the Conti-
nent of Europe, from the east to the
west. The combined French, Belgian,
and British armies in the west and
the Russian army in the east are op-
posed to the united forces of Ger-
many and Austria, acting as combin-
ed armies between us.

LARGEST FORCES IN FRANCE

"Our enemies elected at the com-
mencement of the war to throw the
weight of their forces against our
armies in the west, and to detach
only a comparatively weak force
composed of very few of the first line
troops, and several corps of second
and third line troops, to stem the
Russian advance until the western
forces could be completely defeated
and overwhelmed. Their strength
enabled them from the outset to
throw greatly superior forces against
us in the west. This precludes the
possibility of our taking vigorous of-
fensive action, except when miscal-
culations and mistakes are made by
their commanders, opening up special
opportunities for successful attacks
and pursuit.

"The Battle of the Marne was an
example of this, as also our advance
from St. Omer and Hazebrouck to
the line of the river Lys at the com-
mencement of this battle. The role
which our armies in the west have
consequently been called upon to ful-
fill has been to occupy strong defen-

Contentious Matters at City Council Session Slated For To-night

The City Council to-night will have
an important and what promises to
be a lively session. The plan of the
special committee to effect certain re-
solutions in the civic service is the
chief item of business, and it is said
that nearly every member of the
council is prepared to express him-
self on the merits and demerits of
the question. While the committee
last week were almost unanimous in
their recommendations, it is said
since arriving at a decision, differ-
ences of opinion have arisen and that
when the council meets to-night
works may come up, along with the
general business. A report on the
park drive matter is also on tap.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STREET RAILWAY TO STAY ON THE JOB

That the commissioners of the
Brantford Street Railway will not be
elected at the approaching January
election, as was originally thought,
was pointed out to the Courier to-day.
At least action will depend upon the
City Council, and there is no by-law
city to-day for such election. The
by-law under which the present com-
missioners were appointed is such
that the commission can continue to
act until their successors are elected.
It is pointed out that it is most de-
sirable just now to have Messrs.
Bunnell, Hartman and Turnbull con-
tinue. Important negotiations are in

HOPE NOT ARRIVED FOR GERMAN FLEET TO MAKE ATTACK

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Daily
Telegraph special correspondent at
Kotterdam reports:
"Captain Persius, naval critic of
The Berliner Tagblatt, in an article
on the German naval position says:
Many German hopes at the beginning
of the war were built on somewhat
fantastic foundations. The British
fleet was under-estimated, and it was
considered that there was absolutely
no reason why British should con-
tinue to rule the seas. The results
had forced Germany in a great mea-
sure to withdraw this view. Even the
greatest British losses must be re-
garded as decisive events, he sug-
gests.

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cheerful as yours. Send in your subscrip-
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BLANCHARD SAID TO BE LIVING AND QUITE WELL

It is Private Blanchard of the Cold-
stream Guards, and late of the Bran-
ford police force, dead or alive?
The latest English mail brings a
letter to the City Treasurer from Mrs.
Blanchard, and therein she says her
husband is alive and well and in the
best of health. She wrote on Novem-
ber 17th, and had then just heard
from him on the foreign field, al-
though she did not know where he
was located. In her brief letter, from
Chippinham, Wiltshire, she thanks
the city official for her cheques re-
ceived, and conveys the intelligence
that her husband is fit and well on the
battle front. In the face of the state-
ments which Corporal Cobden has
written home, it would appear that
there is some uncertainty about Blan-

A DRAMATIC PICTURE DRAWN OF GERMAN FORCE IN POLAND

Said to be in Dan-
ger of Annihilation
by the Russians.
All London is Ask-
ing Can They Es-
cape Sedan.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A cable
to the Herald from London this
morning says:
"Practically surrounded by Rus-
sian army corps are this morning
fighting desperately to break their
way through the encompassing lines
toward the north in the hope of join-
ing the rest of the army. There, with their backs
to the heart of Poland, within only
a narrow line of communications to
the Posen frontier still open—an
orifice too small to permit the pas-
sage of the force without danger of
annihilation—the Germans present
one of the most dramatic pictures
drawn from the eastern theatre of
war.

COAST CITIES FEEL EASIER ON PACIFIC

All Five of the German
Cruisers Have Been
Accounted For.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—With all five
of the German cruisers in the Pacific
accounted for in southern waters, the
British Columbia cities of Victoria,
Vancouver and Prince Rupert, have
recovered from the feeling of un-
certainty which prevailed when the
Scarnhorst, Gnielsenau, Leipzig, Dres-
den and Nurnberg were reported at
several places in North American
waters. The Leipzig was sighted at
Cape Mendocino, Calif., August 13,
and then headed for South
America. This is the nearest ap-
proach of a German cruiser to British
Columbia since the war began.

OFFICIAL FRENCH NOTICE

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
PARIS, Nov. 30.—The French of-
ficial communication given out in
Paris this afternoon is as follows:
"In Belgium, the enemy is remain-
ing on the defensive. The artillery
fire has been feeble, and we have
made progress at certain points. In
the vicinity of Argonne we hold securely
the positions we occupied November
28.

GERMAN FLEET LEAVES PACIFIC IN A HURRY

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 30.—Des-
patches received here from Montevideo
insist that there is good reason
to believe that the German squad-
ron which has been operating in the
Pacific Ocean is at present in the
South Atlantic. Neither the French
nor the British legation here has any
information to confirm these reports,
nevertheless private despatches give
them credence. It is related among
seafarers that several German
steamers are preparing to leave
Montevideo to provision the German
warships.

WATCH OUT FOR TROUBLE

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay,
Nov. 30.—The recent reports that
the German fleet is now in the
South Atlantic appear to have
been confirmed here to-day. It
is also rumored that a powerful
British fleet is nearby.

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