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RUSS TRAP CLOSING ON BATTERED AUSTRIANS 20,000 NEW YORKERS IN TRIBUTE TO LORD KITCHENER BRITISH HAVE ONE MILLION MEN READY FOR OFFENSIVE

FOE HAMMERS SOUVILLE; NO INFANTRY ATTACKS EITHER SIDE OF MEUSE

German Artillery Concentrated on Key-Fort to the Verdun Inner Defences—Minor Attempts on Vosges Front Stopped by French.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, June 15, 11:55 p.m.—Germans are continuing the violent bombardment of the French positions north of Souville, the key to the inner defences of Verdun, the official statement issued by the French war office today states.

No infantry fighting occurred on either bank of the Meuse last night. On the Vosges front some minor German attempts to attack the French line were made, but completely failed, according to the official statement.

BRITISH ABOUT TO LAUNCH THE BIG OFFENSIVE

More Than Million to Move
Against the German Lines.

FACE 600,000 OF FOE

French Greatly Pleased at
Statement of Bonar Law.

BRITISH LINE EXTENDED

Now Hold a Quarter of Allied
Front in the
West.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, June 15.—A Paris cable to the Times says: Great interest has been aroused here by a statement made by Bonar Law to the Matin that the British army, completely in accord with Gen. Joffre, was prepared to move whenever the French headquarters staff saw fit. The statement is accepted as a sufficient answer to the charge of British indifference to the French losses near Verdun. The press expressed much satisfaction over Bonar Law's frank statement. From the outset the military authorities have insisted that it would be played to the advantage of the British to move before the psychological moment, and have scouted anti-British rumors as idle or malicious gossip. Bonar Law's statement will go far to reassure the people here.

British Are Ready.
There is reason to believe that in addition to the great Russian offensive under way against the Austrians, and another already begun against the Germans on the northern part of that line, a third is about to be launched by the British in the west if this last is not now under way.

For weeks there have been unmistakable signs of a great British offensive impending, which would become active when the Germans before the British line had been reduced to a minimum, and propitious offensive had been begun by the Allies in other quarters. The British front formerly extended from the Belgian front, which ends about ten miles north of Ypres, for 32 miles down to about the same distance from Arras. In the last week in March the British replaced the French as far as the Roye Railway, south of the Somme, and thus occupied a front of about 90 miles, or a

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FARMER KILLED AS HE TRIES TO JUMP OFF MOVING TRAIN

Duncan McLaren Victim of
Fatal Accident at Dublin.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Seaford, June 15.—While attempting to alight from a T. train No. 219, near Dublin station last night, as it was in motion, Duncan McLaren, a farmer, aged 60 years, was almost instantly killed, being ground under the wheels. Both legs were cut off and an arm broken.

Mr. McLaren had been to Drumb, attending a live stock sale, and was returning to his home at Cronarty, Hibbert Township. The train stopped at Dublin and had only made a start from the station westward when Mr. McLaren tried to alight. Why he did not leave at his station is not known, and no one witnessed the accident.

Mr. McLaren was a well-known farmer, and is survived by his widow and family. An inquest will be held.

PUBLIC DEMAND STRONG MAN FOR THE WAR OFFICE

Explains Why Lloyd George
Is Likely To Be
Appointed.

MUST BE OF HIGH CALIBRE

Churchill Once More in Premier Asquith's Good
Graces.

AT PEACE WITH FISHER

Gulf Due to the Gallipoli
Exposure Has Been
Bridged.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, June 15.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables: David Lloyd George is to succeed Earl Kitchener as secretary of state for war, according to well-authenticated reports current here today. It is understood, however, that in accepting the war secretaryship Mr. Lloyd George will not entirely sever his relations with the ministry of munitions.

Various successors have been suggested for Lord Kitchener, including Lord Milner and Col. Winston Churchill. The latter, returned from the front, is again enjoying Premier Asquith's favor, while his quarrel with Lord Fisher over responsibility for the Gallipoli disaster has been patched up, and they are again fast friends. Both Lord Milner and Mr. Churchill, as far as the cabinet is concerned, might be entrusted with the direction of the war office. Since the creation of the war council and the turning over of responsibility for the operations in the field to Gen. Robertson, chief of staff, Lord Kitchener's duties had become entirely civil and administrative.

Public Wants Big Men.

But, unfortunately for Mr. Asquith, the British public demands a man of equal calibre. The people will not be satisfied with the appointment of a mere civilian or politician to the post they have been accustomed to associate with the greatness of "K. of K."

Hence Premier Asquith, as he did in the previous war, is in a difficult situation in Ireland, has had to turn to Mr. Lloyd George. He has been reluctant to do this for several reasons. In recent months the relations between the two men have been somewhat strained. The minister of munitions has frequently criticized Britain's share in the conduct of the war. In addition, he has been the centre, whether of his own knowledge or not, of an energetic intrigue conducted by the Northcliffe press, having for its object his elevation to the premiership.

At the time of the recent conscription crisis it was frequently rumored that Mr. Lloyd George, owing to his differences with Premier Asquith, was on the point of resigning from the cabinet. With Sir Edward Carson, it was declared, he would head a party in opposition. Then Mr. Asquith participated to conscription and the break, if any threatened, was averted. An official statement announcing Mr. Lloyd George's appointment is expected by the end of the week.

IRISH CONFERENCE NEARING A CRISIS; OUTLOOK IS DARK

Ulster Unionists Are Reported
Determined On Permanent
Exclusion.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, June 15.—A special cable to the World from London, under yesterday's date says:

Negotiations for a settlement of the Irish question have reached a highly critical stage, and there is little optimism among those engaged in them.

In the first place the Ulster Unionists demand that the proposed settlement shall be definite and final, as far as the exclusion of six Ulster counties is concerned. This attitude of persistence, will destroy all hopes of agreement, as the purely provisional character of the proposed arrangement is only an offset offered to the Nationalists in Ulster and the other provinces for the exclusion of six Ulster counties.

John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, met the Catholic bishops of Ulster, and Cardinal Logue at Armagh today to urge acceptance of Lloyd George's scheme.

Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, was engaged at the same time to induce them to accept a provisional scheme.

TAPS FOR "K. OF K." AT GREAT ALLIED BAZAAR

Twenty Thousand New Yorkers Pay Tribute to Great War
Lord's Memory, and Sing England's Great Hymn.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, June 15.—Taps were sounded in honor of "K. of K." at the allied bazaar last night, and the whole throng of revelers, shouting and laughing, joined in a procession of mourners, says the Tribune. Motor cars were stopped at the entrance, and women in evening clothes shivered and bowed their heads in silence with the humbled of Britain's friends on the sidewalk.

Taps Bring Silence.

Inside, all activities stopped when the bugle sounded. Twenty thousand faces were turned, and twenty thousand heads were bowed toward the front of the Grand Central Palace, where Rev. Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church, read a short prayer in memory of the great war lord. Then the orchestra played England's hymn, "The Land of Hope and Glory."

The New York crowd were so impressed by the ceremony that they forgot to hide their emotions, and when the tune changed to "Onward, Christian Soldiers," everyone took up the refrain. There was an amazing spectacle of a huge, pleasure-seeking crowd, singing, as they went, "Like a Mighty Army, Moves the Church of God."

A Memorial Tablet.

At the head of the stairs stood a Kitchener memorial tablet. Many paused in their march to drop a coin

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—WARM, UNSETTLED.

Toronto, June 15—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate south and southeast winds; warm and unsettled today and on Friday, with occasional local showers or thunderstorms.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 74 56 Clear

Calgary 73 52 Fair

Winnipeg 70 50 Cloudy

Port Arthur 69 44 Fair

Edmonton 68 42 Fair

Toronto 76 58 Cloudy

Ottawa 76 58 Cloudy

Montreal 80 62 Fair

Quebec 78 58 Cloudy

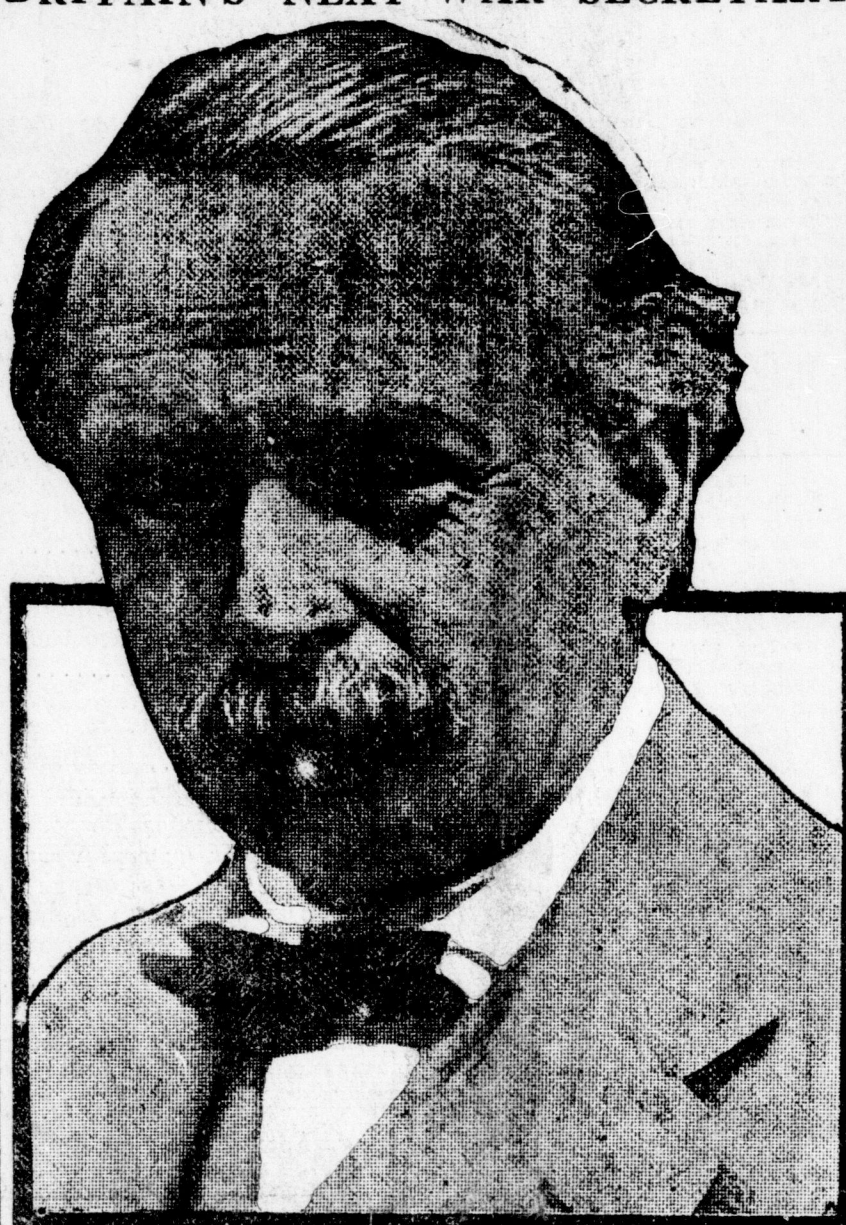
Father Point 78 58 Cloudy

Weather Notes.

With the approach of an extensive area of low pressure from the westward the weather has again become quite unsettled over Ontario and the Middle States.

The temperature has risen very considerably in Ontario and Quebec, and also in the Far West.

BRITAIN'S NEXT WAR SECRETARY



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, who is expected to be appointed to succeed Kitchener.

ANTI-UNIONISTS MAKE PLANS TO CONTINUE PRESBYTERIANS

Opponents of Church Union Decide That Those in Favor
Voted Themselves Out of the Church.

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Man., June 15.—About 50 of the opponents of church union from among the delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly held a meeting this morning and made preliminary plans for their continuation as the Presbyterian Church of Canada. They took the ground, it is understood, that the majority of the assembly had voted themselves out of the church.

Many Officers of Canadians Fell in Wednesday's Fight

Regaining of Ground Recently Lost to Germans at Ypres
Costly to Officers From the Dominion.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, June 15.—The officers' casualty list today contains 38 names, nearly all dated June 13, the day the Canadians successfully attacked. The battalions affected indicate that it was carried out by the First Division.

The list follows.

Killed, June 13.—Lieut. H. W. Wallace, Ontario; Lieut. H. E. Gault, British Columbia; Lieut. B. J. Green, Montreal; Lieut. S. V. Britain, Montreal; Lieut. T. B. Saunders, Montreal; Lieut. A. N. Prosser, Montreal; Lieut. H. A. Davin, Montreal; Lieut. E. L. Connell, Toronto; Capt. S. W. Wood, Vancouver; Lieut. C. M. Adams, Vancouver; Lieut. J. S. Thorpe, Machine Gun; Lieut. E. C. Nicol, Toronto; Lieut. G. Clapperton, Toronto; Lieut. M. R. Henderson, Toronto.

The Wounded.

Wounded.—Lieut. S. G. Hovday, Ontario; Lieut. H. L. Walsh, Ontario; Lieut. S. Brightlight, Ontario; Lieut. W. H. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Major K. M. Perry, Montreal; Capt. F. H. Mathewson, Montreal; Lieut. R. J. Selbie, Montreal; Lieut. A. J. C. MacDermid, Montreal; Lieut. W. K. Anderson, Montreal; Major W. F. Kemp, Vancouver; Lieut. J. A. Scroggie, Vancouver; Lieut. D. G. H. Forbes, Vancouver; Lieut. E. F. Jordan, Pioneers; Lieut. A. A. Gillies, Heavy Artillery; Lieut. C. E. H. Thomas, Machine Gun; Lieut. F. C. Hickling, Brockville; Lieut. J. C. Allen, Brockville; Lieut. S. I. Webb, Ontario; Missing.—Lieut. J. G. Walker, Montreal; Lieut. H. H. Hill, Montreal; Lieut. C. G. Green, Montreal.

Wounded, Shell Shock (June 8).—Lieut. W. A. Hollaway, Toronto; Lieut. A. R. Strachan and Lieut. H. W. Davis.

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FARMER NEAR CORINTH KILLED BY LIGHTNING

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Aylmer, June 15.—Amos Joshua Carter, a farmer near Corinth, was killed instantly last night by lightning while sitting on a box in his barn during a storm. Two others in the barn had narrow escapes. Carter was 26 years of age and married.

GETTING GOOD HORSES

Farmers Bringing Fine Animals for Sale
to Military Buyers.

Some good horse flesh is being brought into Queen's Park today, where Col. Sir Adam Beck is purchasing horses for the Government. The farmers in this district are offering their animals readily for the service, and the remount commissioners are not experiencing any difficulty in securing the horses they require. Last Thursday 27 fine horses were secured, and the average number of animals purchased between London and Toronto in one week is about 125.

RUSS STEAM ROLLER UNSTOPPED; PUSHING BACK AUSTRIAN ARMIES; SMOKE OF GUNS DARKENS SUN

DEMOCRATS BUSY SELECTING PLANKS FOR THE PLATFORM

Amongst Them One That Talks
Straight to Hyphenates

IS WILSON'S SELECTION

Nominations Not Likely to
Take Place Before
Friday.

(Canadian Press.)

St. Louis, June 15.—While the Democratic National Convention was in its second session today adopting a permanent organization and hearing the speech of Senator Ollie Johnston of Kentucky, as permanent chairman, the platform-makers were working with President Wilson's own draft, and various suggested planks, hoping to have a complete draft of the platform ready for submission to the full resolutions committee late this afternoon.

There still was talk of a movement to change the rules of the convention and renominate President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall instead of tomorrow. While there was a good deal of sentiment in favor of such a plan it seemed to be overwhelmed by a general disposition to stick to the original plan and make good the promise of the convention managers to the city of St. Louis to remain in session here four days.

CHALLENGE TO HYPHENATES.

Washington, June 15.—Out of the flood of messages reaching the White House today from the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis those of special interest to President Wilson told of the reception of his proposed plank condemning citizens of foreign birth for political activity in behalf of their native land. The president sent yesterday to convention leaders a request that the plank on Americanism include an unequivocal challenge to so-called "hyphenates" who seek to embarrass the National Government in its dealings with foreign nations. He came out strongly for such an attitude in his Flag Day address yesterday, when he charged that a small group of foreign-born citizens are seeking "to levy political blackmail" to accomplish that purpose.

The president's wish is to pledge the Democratic party against any change in the party on account of activities of the propagandists, and thus virtually to challenge the Republican nominee to take a similar stand.

SURPRISE ATTACK BY THE ITALIANS TAKES HUN TRENCH

Several Hundred Prisoners
and Seven Machine Guns
Captured.

(Canadian Press.)

Rome, June 15.—Via London.—A surprise attack was made yesterday on Austrian positions east of Montefalco. The official statement of today announces that Italians captured Austrian trenches after a severe engagement, taking several hundred prisoners and seven machine guns. The communication follows:

"Between the Adige and the Brenta Rivers yesterday there were reconnaissance and intense artillery actions on both sides. Our artillery dispersed enemy columns on the march and shelled hostile batteries' positions at several points."

The Enemy Attacks.

"Two attempted attacks by the enemy in the region of Novate, made in the direction of Monte Giove and Monte Brazzone, were repulsed. After intense artillery preparation yesterday evening a gallant Italian brigade, supported by dismounted cavalry detachments, in a surprise attack penetrated enemy lines east of Montefalco. The trenches remained in our possession after a severe struggle. We captured 10 officers, 488 men and 7 machine guns."

Squadrons of aeroplanes bombarded with excellent results the railway station at Muttarello, in the Lazzarini Valley, and encampments at the junction of the Nos and Campomulo Valleys, on the Asiago Plateau. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Padova, Giorgio Di Nogaro and Porto Rogosa. Two persons were killed. The material damage was slight."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last evening: Highest, 79; lowest, 56. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 57.

In Bukowina the Russians Are Progressing With Amazing Rapidly and in Volhynia Have Forced Back the Germans; —Austrians Cling Desperately to Czernowitz to Provide Way of Retreat.

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, June 15.—By wireless to Sayville.—Russian troops in dense formation attacked the Teutonic lines near Przemska, but were repulsed by General Von Bohmer's troops, it was announced by army headquarters today.

(Canadian Press.)

London, June 15.—In their offensive on the eastern front the Russians are apparently making steady headway, although still some distance from Lemberg, their immediate main objective in Galicia. Last reports place them just across the border some fifty miles north of the city. Kovel, the railroad junction point where the link between the German and Austrian forces on this front is formed, has been more closely approached by Gen. Brusiloff's armies. In Bukowina, Czernowitz, the capital, apparently is cut off from all directions but the south.

AUSTRIANS FIGHT HARD TO SAVE BATTERED ARMY

(Canadian Press.)

London, June 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says:

"In Bukowina the Russians are progressing with lightning rapidity, which is particularly astonishing, when one recalls the slow and stubborn fighting on the approaches to Czernowitz during the December offensive last year. The Russians already hold the right bank of the Pruth, from Jassy to the frontier up to Nepokokots, 16 miles beyond Czernowitz, on the main railway from the Bukowina capital to Kolomea."

A Battered Army.

As to Czernowitz itself, the Austrians are defending it desperately, probably not with any hope of preventing the Russian entry, but in order to gain time to secure the retirement of their beleaguered army. Whether this army can be saved seems highly problematical, since the Russians are not only advancing along the Pruth, but along the lower Strypa, have forced the Dniester at several points, have taken the important bridgehead at Zaleszczyki, and advanced along the Zaleszczyki-Kolomea Railway as far as Horodenka, 23 miles from Kolomea. Even now Gen. Planzer's Bukowina army apparently is cut off from the main Austrian army in Galicia, and the only way of retreat open is down through Bukowina and over the high Carpathians."

Forcing Germans Back.

In Volhynia the Russians are not rushing on with such amazing speed as in Bukowina, but are making steady and rapid progress. Forcing back the Germans, they have advanced from Rojstsch to the river, 20 miles from Kovel, which is the junction of the railways leading to Brest and Chiomi, and serves as the main link between the Austrian and German fronts in Russia. In view of the great importance of Kovel the Germans are defending it with energy, and there is fierce fighting due west of Lutsk."

On the road to Vladimir, Volynski, the Russians have advanced as far as Torchin, and from Dubno they have moved to Kozin and even, according to private report, to Radzivilov, a station on the frontier of Galicia on the main railway to Lemberg."

Terrible Artillery Fire.

All the prisoners declare they never experienced such a terrible fire as that dealt by the Russian artillery. Eyewitnesses say the smoke of the bursting shells darkened the sun and made the work of the Austrian aeroplanes impossible. No interval could be discerned between the detonations, and the bombardment was one indescribable and deafening roar."

PRESBYTERIANS' CONDITION MAKES NEW METHODIST VOTE NECESSARY S LOCAL OPINION

Some Say Basis of Union Now Altered—Number of London Churches Likely To Be Reduced by a Few, Says

Rev. W. J. Knox.

What does the church union vote in Winnipeg yesterday mean?

That question is one that confronts every Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist in London today. Yesterday the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by a vote of 406 to 88, voted for union with the Methodists and Congregationalist Churches of Canada. No date is fixed for the consummation of the union, and the creation of "The United Church of Canada," said that it will be after the war. Provision is made in the majority church union reports, which passed by the aforementioned 406 to 88 votes, for congregations that voted against union at the last vote, to take to another ballot on the question one year after the conclusion of the war.

This provision and the announcement made by the minority leaders at the assembly that the Presbyterian Church in Canada would remain in existence, after the original basis of union, say the Methodists, and mean that the question must be presented to the general Methodist conference, and the Congregationalist council again.

Conditions Changed.
Just what the effect of the vote will be is somewhat difficult to estimate at the present time. The Methodists claim that the union for which they voted was to include all Presbyterian Churches. If part are to remain out, it will alter the complexion of the case entirely.

Rev. W. M. Martin, clerk of the London Presbytery, voices the opinion that some churches, at least of the present Presbyterian denomination, will remain Presbyterian despite union. This view is concurred in by the other ministers of the city of all affected denominations. It is substantiated by the statements made at Winnipeg by the anti-union leaders.

"So far as my own feelings are concerned, the adoption of the majority report yesterday is quite in keeping with my views of the matter," declared Mr. Martin. "How it will work out in the eastern churches I do not know. The provision has been made to allow congregations that have voted against union to take another vote, a year after the war, to see whether they will come in the union or not."

There is no doubt in my mind that a section of the Presbyterian churches will not come in, but I feel sure that the number will not be as large as even the vote in the assembly would indicate."

To Conference Again.

Rev. G. N. Hazen, late chairman of the London district of the Methodist Church, declared that in his opinion the option given churches to stay out of the union, if they so desired, would mean that the whole question would have to be sent to the general conference again.

"I am in favor of union, and have always voted for it," declared Mr. Hazen. "The Methodists are strongly in favor of it. More than 90 percent voted in favor of the union, but it was to be a union of the whole church. According to my interpretation of the report passed by the assembly yesterday, churches that voted against union are to have the opportunity to stay out, if they so desire after another vote."

Mr. Hazen also pointed out the fact that if part of the Presbyterian Church did remain away from union the ownership of church property would be involved.

(When the Free Church of Scotland united with the Old Kirk, the privilege council decided that those who remained out were the owners of all church property," declared Mr. Hazen. "Is the same to be applied in this case?"

Rev. J. B. Sileo, pastor of the First Congregational Church, believes that the vote of the assembly shows the strength of the union force.

"The Presbyterian Church is now committed to union, and I am very glad to know it," he declared. "There is one significant feature, too, about it being passed in Winnipeg. That

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