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BEHARD'S MESSAGE
Hon. Dr. Behard, who has just returned to Canada after his lengthy sufferings as a German prisoner, has been talking to French-Canadian patriots in eloquent and fervent style. During a recent speech he said:
"The only politics for all civilization, till the war is won, is the winning of it. I don't want to talk politics. I want to talk war."

THE SITUATION.
There has been a stiffening of the German defence and the Allied pressure is meeting with greater resistance. The enemy in thus seeking to halt the advance is meeting with tremendous losses and his dead are reported to be lying in heaps over the fighting ground. He has been compelled to draw very heavily upon his reserves and still has a critical period ahead for Chaulnes, Roye and Noyon may yet be outflanked. British guns are pounding the bridges across the Somme to such an extent that the foe has been compelled to divert his transport. Halg's men are making a steady advance between that river and the Oise. Gury, a town of much strategic value, has also been taken by the French.

Further particulars emphasize the splendid nature of the work by the Canadians. It is reported that over 150 guns taken and an advance at the maximum point of thirteen miles. Sir Arthur Currie, their commander, enthusiastically says of them, "they are simply irresistible." Brantford names appear in the casualty list resulting from their heroic work, and although their wounds will be regretted, it is satisfactory to know that they are worthily maintaining the glorious Dominion record with the rest of their comrades.

TRADE WITH THE STATES
With the momentous grand total of \$1,212,763,000 for the United States fiscal year ended June 30th, Canadian-American trade established a new record. This figure exceeds by \$104,285,000 the total for the previous year. The 1918 figures are virtually double the figures for 1916 and triple those of 1915. Fifteen years ago, in 1903, the gross trade over the Canadian-American border was \$118,043,206.

To The Editor of The Courier
Sir—With your kind permission, I beg to submit to your subscribers a detailed financial report of our Sports Day, held on Civic Holiday, August 5th. Also on behalf of the Great War Veterans' Association, I desire to thank everyone who either by their personal services or by the loan of goods, helped to make our day a success.

FOCH AND PSYCHOLOGY
Foch made the remark the other day that there was one thing which did as much to win battles as either men or ammunition, and that was the psychological, or soul feeling. Morale is the modern mode of the term. Everyone knows how true this is with regard to any struggle. The man who goes into any kind of a fight, moral, commercial or physical, has matters a long way in hand if he has this soul confidence. In the early days of the great struggle, it was the support of the little army of British "contemptibles," which put renewed confidence into the French. In like manner it was the advent of other Allied troops which steadied the wavering Italians. In the same regard, the advent of American troops on the western front has also proved a soul stimulant of tremendous worth.

WOMEN FOR RAILWAYS.
Washington, Aug. 13.—Thousands of women will be drawn into railroad employment within the next few months to take the place of men entering the army and going to other industries, according to plans now being formulated by the railroad administration. Women are to be employed extensively as clerks in railway offices, as expert accountants, ticket sellers, station agents, crossing watchmen, car cleaners and to some extent as track laborers.

DEATH IN NEW YORK OF NOTED ACTRESS
As a Musical Comedy Star She Attained a World Reputation
New York, Aug. 12.—Anna Held, the actress, died here today after a long illness.

ALLIES HAMMER
(Continued from page one)
outflank both.
Along the Somme the British have pushed forward slightly toward Peronne. North of the river British and American troops are fighting in the suburbs of Bray, while on the south the British have taken Provat, four miles south of Bray. West of Chaulnes, heavy fighting continues in the region of Lihons.

At some points, especially in the centre of the battle front, the heavy artillery is being brought up, and is shelling the enemy positions west of the Somme, south of the Peronne, heavily. The French also are rushing up guns to break the enemy's resistance between Roye and Noyon. The Germans here have depended upon artillery barrages to stop Allied attacks.

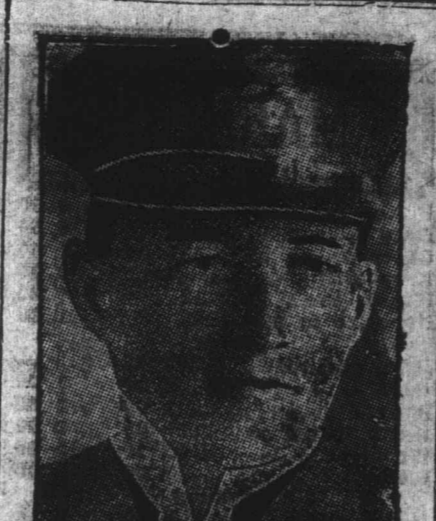
British, French and American bombers and airmen are harassing the rear of the enemy positions unceasingly. During Sunday, 107 tons of bombs were dropped on railway junctions, concentration points and other important targets in the enemy area. In aerial fighting the Allied airmen destroyed 44 German machines, and put 45 others out of action. Berlin reports the bringing down of 17 Allied airplanes. Frankfurt, which is east of the Rhine and Metz have been bombed by the British squadrons.

North of the Vesle from Fismes, the Germans continue their efforts to dislodge the French and American troops. Two violent counter-attacks were carried out by the enemy on Monday, but both were thrown back by the Franco-Americans.

On the remainder of the front in France, there has been no activity. In Italy the situation is without change, moderate artillery firing and patrol actions only being in progress.

FRENCH MINISTER FINDS HOUSE RAZED
M. Klotz Visits Chateau at Ayencourt, to See It in Ruins
Paris, Aug. 13.—Premier Clemenceau and Minister of Finance Klotz, during their visit to the battle front yesterday, inspected at length the frightful destruction that had been wrought by the battles waged for the possession of Montdidier and Moreuil. Both towns are places of desolation, with their houses reduced to broken fragments of stone, and there is not remaining a vestige of their former streets.

WILL TRY ANOTHER "C. O."
Camp Niagara, Aug. 13.—E. Spalding of the 1st Battalion, 1st Central Postal Directory, will be tried by a general court martial on Wednesday by Lieut.-Col. A. J. McCausland. Spalding is a conscientious objector.



GILLETT'S EYE
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Margaret Garrett's Husband
By JANE PHELPS
CHAPTER CXXI
In the southland
It was about four months afterward, as I sat on the veranda of the southern hotel where I had spent the winter with the children and Della, that I fell to thinking and wondering about Bob. I had passed a very quiet peaceful winter. Donald had no recurrence of his throat trouble and both children had been happy playing in the sand day after day with faithful Della to watch them.

"I wondered if he were married. Strange that Elsie had not known and written me. Yet perhaps it had been done so quietly that no one knew."
"Then suddenly I saw someone coming up the long path that led to the hotel. So familiar was the walk that I recognized her. It was Della. But it couldn't be, yes, it was Bob. He saw me I think at the exact moment I realized that it was really he. "Margaret," he called and held out his hand. His other sleeve was EMPTY. "Bob!" then I caught myself. "How do you do?" I said truthfully. "Very well now," he replied, "I have come down here to recuperate. Doctor's orders, not that I needed to." He said rather bitterly. "I never thought the shadow had deepened because of the change in my voice."
"Was I sit down, Margaret?" he asked, and when I nodded, he took the chair next me and asked about the boys. It was a safe subject; perhaps the only safe one for me. "I told him of Donald's bronchitis, of the doctor's wish that I try the warmer climate for him for the winter, and of how happy both of the boys were in the new environment. "You will see them in the morning if you walk on the beach. Della takes them out very early." I told him rather stiffly. Then, as I saw the shadow on his face deepen, I reproached myself for asking about her, never thinking the shadow had deepened because of the change in my voice.

It was awful to think of Bob with only one arm. The tears filled my eyes, as I glanced at the empty sleeve. Capable, handsome Bob wounded and maimed for life. Not even waiting until his own country called him. "That came the thought of the uselessness of my sacrifice, I had given him his freedom that he might marry Charlotte Keating, the woman whom he had said was a perfect companion. I offered myself before we were declared war. I was fighting with the British Army in France."
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