

## SPRING CAMPAIGN OPENS WELL

### GENERAL JOFFRE STRIKES HARD AND WINS AT ARRAS--BELGIANS RECROSS THE YSER RIVER

## Further Names Are Added to Honor Roll

### Many Brantford Soldiers Now in Hospital—An Opportunity to Brighten Their Sick Bed is Given to the Public—Send One Soldier, One Letter a Week.

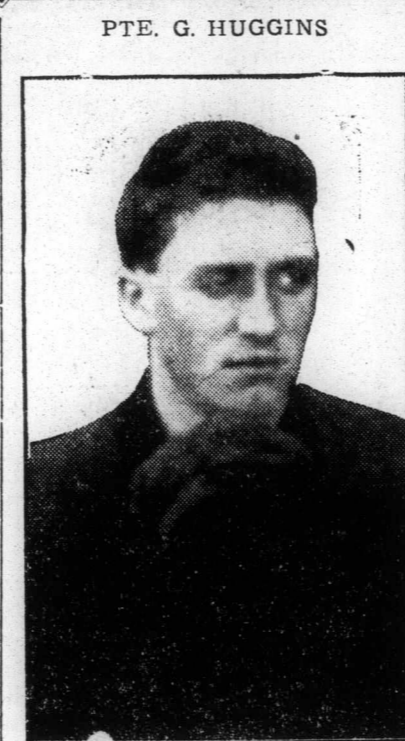
The Honor Roll for Brantford continues to grow and the "Death" is already claiming her share of our soldiers. Corporal Charlton, Private George Huggins, and Private James Kelly have answered the "Assembly" and over three graves in the little grave yard, we have been told of by eyewitness which is behind the lines of the Canadians, the Last Post has been sounded. Sympathy for such as are bereaved, touches the deepest chords of patriotic and human emotion and all feel a kindred touch in this hour of their sorrow.

To those who are lying on the sick beds in the hospitals, the duty of every one who can take time and pen and paper is apparent. A letter from "home," no matter if the writer and recipient are unknown to each other will help to stimulate the flagging powers, that recovering from their journey into the Valley of the Shadows, need the touch of kindred and absent things to revive their hopes of life.

**SEND PAPER OR TWO.** Just pick out a name from the list published and send a letter or a few newspapers—they need not be of recent issue, a bundle of old magazines or journals will give infinite pleasure. The postage will be repaid in the happiness the deed will engender in one casualty ward.

**HONOR ROLL.**  
PTE. GEORGE HUGGINS, killed in action.  
PTE. JAMES HILLBORN, wounded.  
PTE. HARRY ADAMS, 77 Murray street, wounded.

PTE. JAMES KELLY, St Thomas, formerly of Brantford, died of wounds.  
PTE. GAVIN WALLACE, (30th Winnipeg Rifles), wounded.  
**BRANTFORD SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.**  
Pte. J. Robinson.  
Pte. A. Nuttycombe.  
Pte. C. Jones.  
Pte. J. Bell.  
Pte. J. Taylor.  
Pte. J. Kirby.  
Pte. W. Babcock.  
Pte. R. Cross.  
Pte. R. W. Brooks.  
Pte. A. Holway.  
Pte. E. Phipps.  
Pte. E. Harrington.  
Pte. F. E. Edwards.  
Pte. H. Houlding.  
Pte. W. Kerr.  
Pte. R. W. McCartney.  
Pte. H. Orr.  
Pte. E. H. Prior.  
Corpl. J. D. Evans.  
Pte. F. G. Betts.  
Pte. J. MacLaren.  
Pte. A. J. Barnes.  
Pte. C. W. Kinsella.  
All these have been reported of late and a letter addressed to them care of G Co., 4th Battalion, First Brigade, C. F. Z and inscribed (wounded in hospital) would reach its destination in due time. This list is appended for the benefit of anyone who may wish to write.  
PTE. E. HARRINGTON.  
A letter was received from Ottawa by Mrs. Harrington, mother of Pte. E. Harrington now lying seriously ill.



Killed in Action.

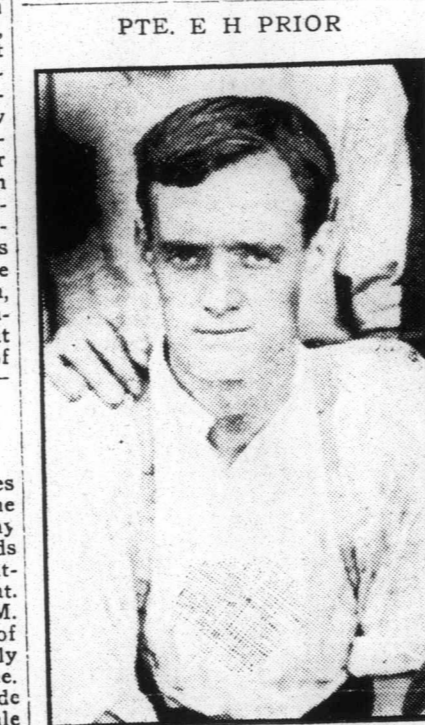
## ROBLIN GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

### Retiring Premier Issues a Statement—Liberal Leader Norris to Form Government.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Winnipeg, May 12.—Roblin Government has resigned. Premier makes long statement. Opposition Leader Norris called upon to form new administration.  
At eleven o'clock this morning, (Continued on Page 5)



Wounded.



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## LIEUT. R. WILKES HAD A VERY CLOSE SHAVE

### Narrowly Escaped Death, But is on Road to Recovery.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Wilkes to-day received letters from Lieut. Hilton Wilkes and Miss Marjorie Wilkes, now both in the Old Country on war service, with reference to the condition of Ran Wilkes, who not long ago was seriously injured. He is a member of a motor cycling corps, and it is supposed was mixed up in some sort of a collision, although the details are not sent.

Miss Marjorie writes that he "narrowly escaped death," and Hilton that "Ran is fine," except that he has "an awful leg."  
He is located in a nursing home at Worthing, on the sea shore, about eight miles from Brighton, and has had the best of medical attention, including visits from Sir William Osler, the noted Canadian surgeon, who is Regent at Oxford University, of which Ran is a student.

## First Triumph of Spring Campaign

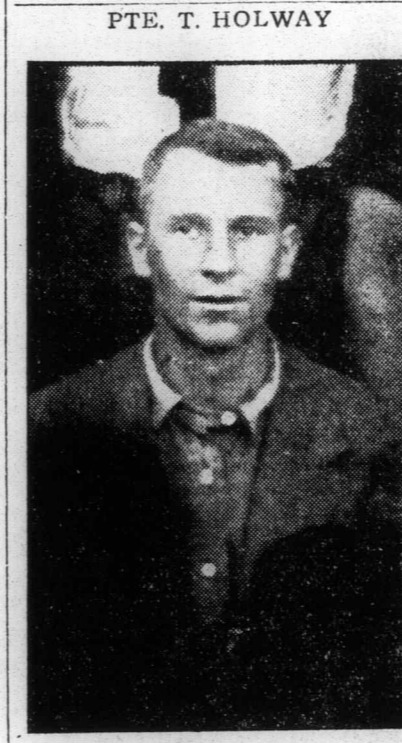


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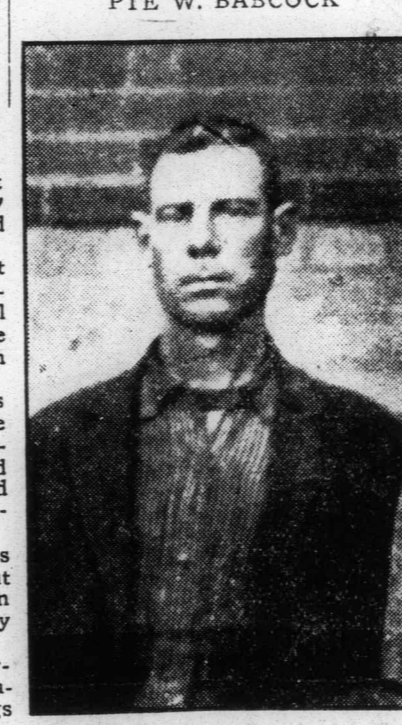
## FIVE PERSONS KILLED BY MINES

### Greek Authorities Warn Navigators of This Danger.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Paris, May 12.—A Havas despatch from Athens says:  
"A floating mine which exploded at Amysios, near Moudros Island of Lemnos killed five persons, according to an official despatch from Lemnos. In view of the large number of mines which have been carried by currents from the Dardanelles into the Aegean Sea, the Greek authorities have issued a warning to navigators.



Wounded.



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## Gen. Joffre Makes Advance Which is Greatest Success Since Victory of the Marne—Entire System of Enemy Trenches Captured Along Loos-Vermelles Road.

London, May 12.—The British War Office made public last night the following communication:  
"Yesterday afternoon the Germans made another attack east of Ypres in the neighborhood of the Meann road. Although they subjected our trenches to a very heavy bombardment and made their infantry advance under cover of poisonous gas, their attack failed."  
"During this attack our shrapnel inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy when they were in mass formation, literally mowing them down. To-day there have been artillery actions on the greater part of the front."  
BELGIANS CAPTURE GERMANS.  
Paris, May 12.—The following official communication was issued by the French War Office last night:  
"To the north of Dixmude the Belgian troops who have succeeded in throwing up a bridge-head on the right bank of the Yser, were subjected to violent attacks by three German battalions last night. The Belgians repulsed these, inflicting on the enemy heavy losses and taking about fifty prisoners."  
"Another Belgian division has gained ground to the south of Dixmude to the east of Ypres; the British troops have been attacked again with the aid of asphyxiating gases. They allowed the fumes to pass over, under protection of masks recently put into use, and by rifle and machine gun fire they annihilated at the very

point of their guns the German column which had advanced in close formation.  
"Our success to the north of Arras was sensibly enlarged to-day during the course of the fighting. In an engagement of extreme violence in front of Loos, we captured, after a desperate struggle, and despite an intense cannonade, an important German work and an entire system of trenches constructed along the road from Loos to Vermelles.  
"Farther to the south we captured by assault the big blockhouse and the Chapel of Notre Dame de Lorette. This position has been ardently defended for months by the Germans, who turned it into a veritable fortress. It was surrounded and invested, and was taken this afternoon by our troops."  
SUCCESS NEAR CHAPEL.  
"We have, without pause, pursued our success in pressing the enemy energetically between the Chapel of Notre Dame de Lorette and Aglain-St. Nazaire. All the German trenches have fallen successively into our hands, and in them we found several hundred dead bodies.  
"The Germans, debouching from Ablain-St. Nazaire, delivered a counter attack, which was immediately crushed.  
"We have also taken the offensive and gained ground in the direction of the sugar refinery at Souchez. At

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## U. S. NOTE IS READY AND IS SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED

### Wilson's Note is Firm and Maintains the Honor of America and Holds the Germans Strictly Accountable.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Washington, May 12.—The United States Government, in a note to Germany to-day, formally demands of the German Government a strict accounting for the loss of American lives and the sinking of the Lusitania, and the violation of American rights in the war zone. It also asks guarantees and promises that there will be no repetition of such events or practices.  
With the plain intimation in it that the United States is prepared to meet non-compliance with communication, phrased in unmistakably emphatic language, was prepared to be cabled to Berlin by nightfall.  
Written by President Wilson, and approved unanimously by radical and conservative members of the cabinet, the note was being carefully examined by Counselor Lansing and the law officers of the government at the state department to-day to make sure that its phraseology covered every point of law involved. The White House officially announced the fact that the president had finally determined the course of action to be pursued in the following statement issued by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with the President:  
"The course of the President has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as it is proper to publish the note now in preparation."  
This was taken to mean that the American Government, observing the usual diplomatic amenities, would await the receipt of the communication in Berlin before making it public. At first there was some suggestion that the communication be sent personally by the President to Emperor William, but Mr. Wilson

determined that it should be addressed, not to an individual, but to the German government and through it to the German people.  
HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE  
Washington, May 12.—President Wilson virtually completed to-day the note, which the United States will send to Germany, as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania.  
It asks Germany for an accounting for series of violations of American rights in the war zone—not financial, but moral—and a guarantee that there will be no repetition of the unlawful practices of German submarines. Late to-day or early to-morrow the note, now approved by the cabinet, will be sent to Ambassador Gerard to be presented to the Berlin Government. Its final details were being carefully revised to-day. Members of the cabinet, who have always advocated vigorous measures in the foreign policy of the administration, are satisfied with its terms. Conservative members approve it also. That it maintains the dignity and honor of

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A FANCY FAIR.  
Under the auspices of Dufferin Rifles Chapter, I.O.D.E., will be held in the armories on Tuesday evening, May 18th. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds to supply water wagon for 36th Battalion, shortly leaving for the front. A right pleasing play entitled "H. M. Brantford," under the direction of Miss Reding, whose talent is so widely known, included in the admission fee. "Flowers," "Candies," "Home-made Cooking," "Shrapnel Shells" for sale at the Home-made Cooking Booth. Also Ice Cream and "Hot Dogs."

## GERMANS SEVERELY HANDLED

### London Mobs Are Defying the Police and Are Sacking Stores.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 12, 12.28 p.m.—Anti-German riots in the east end of London were renewed this morning with even greater violence than yesterday. Wherever a German showed himself he was attacked. The police force has been so thinned by drafts sent to the army that it had difficulty in dealing with the angry crowds. Special constables had to be called out.  
Outbreaks of particular severity occurred to-day in the neighborhood of the East India docks. Sixty or seventy German shops were wrecked. Germans in the vicinity are uniting for self defence and police reinforcements are being rushed to the scene.  
A number of German establishments were raided and sacked, and their contents scattered over the streets. The Germans themselves were forced to go into hiding. The police in some cases were deluged by angry crowds and some officers were injured during their endeavors to protect the Teutons. The furniture and fittings of German houses were hurled through windows to the streets. When the proprietors were caught they were severely mauled. In some cases their clothes were torn from their backs. One German was thrown into a horse trough with the reminder that his compatriots were drowning women and children. He was only saved from a similar fate by the intervention of the police.  
There were several instances of German butchers trying to escape in their carts. They went racing down the streets at a mad gallop, but in most cases they ultimately were run down and their vehicles smashed.  
A number of Russian Jewesses were flocking this morning to police stations in the east end and pleading for protection, explaining that they were being mistaken for Germans.  
Reports are reaching the police that private houses belonging to wealthy Germans in the fashionable west end are liable to be burned.  
Troops are in readiness to assist the police if necessary. Large placards in the windows of almost all business houses and markets bear the words: "No business transacted with Germans."  
The protest of the German citizens of Bradford against the course of the German Government in the torpedoing of the Lusitania is the first united public denunciation by naturalized Teutons expressing "horror and indignation of the German outrages."  
Letters from individual Germans are appearing in the newspapers, but the prominent among the German residents have not as yet made any move.  
The cabinet was in special conference to-day to review the alien situation as altered by recent happenings and the country is eagerly expecting drastic action.

## MORNING PAPERS DO NOT COMMENT EDITORIAL TO-DAY

### Wilson Has Shown Courage of Highest Moral Order and Will Continue to Act that America's Best Interests be Safeguarded.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, May 12.—Most of the morning papers fail to comment editorially on President Wilson's Philadelphia speech. The Standard, however, praises the address and says the president has shown during these trying weeks of German insults a moral courage of the highest order.  
"It is rather satisfactory," the Standard continues, "to note the calm and pacific tone of President Wilson's first public utterance since the disaster, for no interest of ours would be served by America's entrance into the war and such a development might in many ways injure to the enemy's advantage."  
TWO CENTURIES AHEAD  
The Express offers the opinion that the speech was too idealistic and adds:  
"We understand, of course, that to turn the other cheek requires exalted courage, but it is unfortunate such a course is absolutely certain to lead to more suffering. Germany has taken the world back to the fourteenth century; President Wilson is eager to drag us before our time into the twenty second. Nobody in this country, however, has any desire that the United States be involved in this war unless impelled by its own pride."  
The Mail prints a column of interviews with prominent Americans in London, all expressing disappointment that the president's Philadelphia address did not include a forceful denunciation of Germany's action.  
NOT NATIONAL POLICY.  
New York, May 12.—Editorial comment in to-day's New York morning newspapers regarding President Wilson's Philadelphia speech follows:

The Tribune—Since President Wilson has declared that his Philadelphia speech was not a statement of national policy, and his reference to pride not bearing upon the existing crisis, there can be no justice or wisdom in criticizing this address.  
"There is only one regret which the Philadelphia utterance must provoke and mention of it does not mean captious criticism or a lack of sympathetic recognition of the strain which the president is under. We shall not misunderstand Mr. Wilson's words. However much men may disagree with his views and his actions they will recognize them to be sincere and honorable. What is to be feared is that they may be less well understood in Berlin and Vienna than in Washington and New York.  
"Like every other American newspaper, the Tribune hopes to see war avoided. It looks with frank horror on the growing prospect that the United States will be dragged into the whirlpool of strife. But with this horror is the very plain recognition that the only possible escape must come with the accurate appraisal in Berlin of American sentiment.  
"Since Lincoln, no president has had to make so grave a decision as Woodrow Wilson must now make. His responsibility and his tragic duty should alike command the respect and the sympathy of Americans. No party lines could survive the present crisis."  
NOT ONLY FIGURE  
The Herald: "The President is the central figure, in fact the only figure, in this affair for Americans until his intentions are

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