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FOUR LACHINE BROTHERS FIGHT FOR THE KING



Four brothers—sons of Mrs. E. Cleaver, 130 Sixteenth Avenue, Leaside—are with the British forces at the front. The above illustrations, reading from left to right, show Joseph Cleaver, 2nd Worcestershire Regiment; William Cleaver, Manchester Regiment; Walter Cleaver, Princess Patricia's Regiment; Charles Cleaver, Canadian Grenadier Guards.

JOFFRE SENDS GREAT FORCE TO BLUNT ARROW THAT POINTS AT HEART OF FRANCE

Great Offensive Movement Under Way—Fighting Again Marks Operations at Neuve Chapelle Where British Won Glory

London, April 8.—The last three weeks have shown kaleidoscopic changes in the centre of war interest. The dial has revolved for glimpses of the Dardanelles, Neuve Chapelle, East Prussia, St. Etienne, Champagne, the Carpathians and yesterday brought the forest region between the Meuse and the Moselle into the focus. Here, for the second time since the first of the year, the French have launched a big offensive to capture St. Mihiel and lift the partial investment of Verdun.

Despatches last night indicated that General Joffre has ordered the most pretentious operations since the drive that began two months ago against the Germans at Ferme and Beaumont, on the western slope of the Argonne. Numerous numbers of field and heavy artillery have been sent to the heights of the Meuse and the wooded region between the river and Pont-A-Mousson, with the object of cutting off or blunting the "arrow pointed at the heart of France."

Paris, April 8.—A French army of 200,000 men has been concentrated around Verdun and in the Woerth district for the drive which the French are making against the Germans. This army is supported by artillery which the French have been moving to the front since January 1. Night and day attacks are being made against the German lines. Military men predict that the Germans will be driven out of St. Mihiel, their only foothold on the western bank of the Meuse, south of Verdun, within the next ten days.

London, April 8.—A despatch from Amsterdam says that fighting is still proceeding in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle. The allies' artillery is bombarding the villages of Fomelle and Herlis. The Germans have delivered numerous counter-attacks especially at night, but have been consistently unsuccessful.

Paris, April 8.—The French War Office reports: "In Belgium the day was marked by artillery engagements. In the valley of the Aisne and the district to the east of Rheims our efforts, in spite of the abnormally bad weather, continued with great activity and we have maintained our gains between the Meuse and the Moselle in their entirety, while at the same time we are proceeding to make further progress."

SAILED TODAY The steamer Manchester Mill sailed this morning for Philadelphia where she will load for Manchester direct.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Russians Only About Day's March From The Plains

Czar's Men Have Won Very Important Success in Carpathians and Now Are Driving Austrians Down the Slopes

London, April 8.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs: Russia has won a very important success in the Carpathians. On Sunday her troops fought their way over the ridge at a point due south of Balgrade, and they are now driving the Austrians down the Hungarian slopes of the range. Although this achievement has been accompanied by no great captures of guns or prisoners, in other respects it is very noteworthy. In the more extent of ground won, it probably exceeds anything achieved since the great Carpathian battle began many weeks ago.

Comparatively slight progress in this direction will bring the Czar's troops to the rear of the Austrian operating base of Lutsk. It will also seriously menace the communication of the German army to the Kosciozka zone. The greatest gain of the Russians, however, is that they now have passed through the roughest, wildest, woodiest part of the soft spot in the Carpathian barrier, and little more than a day's march separates them from the great Hungarian plain. There nothing but open country lies between them and Budapest.

Paris, April 8.—The Russians are now fighting on unfavorable ground in the Carpathians, according to Budapest newspapers, and are experiencing the same difficulty in bringing munitions and supplies from the rear that previously beset the Austrians. It is estimated that the Austro-German armies in the Carpathians have lost from 125,000 to 160,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners since the present campaign in the mountain ranges began. The Russian losses have also been very heavy.

Paris, April 8.—Twelve women and children were killed and forty-eight injured by bombs dropped by Austrian aviators in the market place at Podgorica, Montenegro, yesterday afternoon. Many buildings were destroyed.

SALE OF REMOINTS, BRING FROM \$80 TO \$190 EACH Seventy-seven horses brought to St. John some time ago for use as remounts with the British army, were sold this morning on the Barrack Green at prices ranging from \$80 to \$190. The animals, brought from the lower prices of the heavier horses sold on an average at about \$125 or \$130. The horses were auctioned by R. F. Potts.

MAJESTIC UP RIVER ON FIRST TRIP OF SEASON Navigation on the St. John river for 1915 practically opened this morning when the steamer Majestic, owned by the Crystal Steamship Company, left Indiantown for Gagetown. She had on board a good many passengers and a large general cargo. Jarvis Parry, who is a member of the company, was among the passengers. The steamer's regular trip is up the Washademoak, but as the ice has not floated out it may be another week or two before she will be able to make the run.

PRIZES FOR BOY SCOUTS AT RANGE A new competition has been announced for the city rifle range to encourage the Boy Scouts. Prizes will be offered each Saturday morning all Boy Scouts being eligible. The highest will win seventy-five free shots and the second will win twenty-five free shots.

KAISER TALKS LIKE BEATEN MAN

Blames Italy For "Our Downfall If We Are Crushed"—War Lord's Spirit of Revenge

Paris, April 8.—What the Kaiser thinks about Italy is reflected in the following statement he recently made to officers attached to the Austrian Emperor's suite: "Even if we are crushed, we shall never live of telling our children in Austria, as well as in Germany, that our downfall was due to Italy. If it takes ten or even twenty years, we will win back whatever we give Italy now, and avenge Venice as interest."

TODAY WITH THE SOLDIERS HERE

Imperial Staff Gives Another To Call of Empire

There was little activity in military circles today beyond the usual programme of routine drill. This afternoon the 89th will have a route march. The men of the 89th here are rapidly rounding into shape in training near the Barrack Green.

SOME PROMOTIONS

Capt. Wetmore Here as Adjutant of 55th—Three Fredericton Boys Fighting With the Celebrated Black Watch Regiment

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MAJOR CROCKER Major Randolph Crocker, officer commanding the 89th Battery is at the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, suffering from an attack of grippe. He expects to be able to attend to his duties in a few days.

SYRACUSE HAS STRIKE OF STREET RAILWAY MEN Syracuse, N. Y., April 8.—A strike of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees is in effect today. Not a car is moving in Auburn city. The Auburn and Syracuse Electric is completely tied up. An automobile filled with police officers, accompanied every car on the Lake Shore.

Wounded at Ypres Sergeant Alfred Brown, a brother of Mrs. Murray Hagerman, of Fredericton is in an hospital in Manchester recovering from wounds sustained in a battle near Ypres. Sergt. Brown is a member of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and has been fighting in Belgium with his regiment since early in the war. He was taken from India to Northern France and Belgium soon after the outbreak of hostilities.

More Canadians Sent To France

Large Draft of Reinforcements Lately Crossed Channel—All But 70 of Nova Scotia Men Now at Front

Toronto, April 8.—A special cable to the Mail and Empire from Folkestone says: "The Canadian Field Artillery is doing consistently good work at the front. The Ninth Battery of Toronto, under Major McDougall, is mentioned as especially effective. The division has had a comparatively quiet time lately; little is doing along the line, but they expect to be in some hot work soon."

GERMAN SUBMARINES AND AIRSHIPS AID THE TURKS IN THE DARDANELLES FIGHTING

Paris, April 8.—There seems to be no doubt that the Germans are operating in Turkish waters. It has been noted that the official statement was curiously vague as to the exact manner in which the irrepressible met his fate. There is a strong possibility also that a Zeppelin, shipped in parts by way of Roumania and Bulgaria, may be put together and appear above the forts in the near future. It is believed there are now at least four German submarines operating in Turkish waters. It has been noted that the official statement was curiously vague as to the exact manner in which the irrepressible met his fate.

Paris, April 8.—The relations between them have been strained almost to the breaking point. The minister of public works yesterday awarded the contract for the Petrolodde bridge at Moncton to the lowest tenderer, the Foundation Co., Ltd. of Montreal. The friends of the Construction Company, many of whom are in the city, are disappointed. They are seeking legislation to confirm their valuation and define their powers. One of the sections, giving them authority to summon any citizen before them and to insist upon a full and complete schedule of his real and personal property and income within ten days or else be proceeded against before a county court judge, was opposed strongly by F. R. Taylor, representing the Atlantic Sugar Refinery.

CANCEL CONTRACT MORRIS AWARDED

Breach Between Colleagues and Him Has Widened

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ONTARIO CENSORS WILL BAR FIGHT PICTURES

Toronto, April 8.—Moving picture scenes of the Johnson-Willard fight at Havana will be barred by Ontario censors.

SKELDON-WATSON A very pretty wedding took place last evening, when Rev. J. Chas. B. Appel united in marriage, Solomon Skeldon to Estella Watson, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Watson. They will reside in this city.

W. E. Scully said that some large concerns had refused to give information when it was sought by the board. The poor man, he said, was suffering because these big concerns were able to escape filing an inventory of their property when valuations were unable to learn the true extent of their property. The question of the legislation being called upon to confirm a valuation not already completed was raised. Mr. King Kelley, K. C., secretary-treasurer of the municipality said that the bill did not provide for change in the assessors' valuations for assessment purposes. The valuations, he said, had found several million dollars' worth of property not in the assessors' valuation at all. Mr. Gramman questioned the accuracy of this statement, and Mr. Kelley made it "a very large amount of property had been found." The purpose of this bill was, he said, to make it so there could not be an injunction brought to hold up the valuation going into effect as had been done in a previous case some years ago.

OPPOSITION TO ST. JOHN BILL

Would Give The Valuator Dangerous Powers

Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—Warden McLellan of St. John County and Councilors Prink and Russell with the board of valuers headed by the chairman, Col. A. J. Armstrong, took up the case of the municipalities coming before the board this morning. They are seeking legislation to confirm their valuation and define their powers. One of the sections, giving them authority to summon any citizen before them and to insist upon a full and complete schedule of his real and personal property and income within ten days or else be proceeded against before a county court judge, was opposed strongly by F. R. Taylor, representing the Atlantic Sugar Refinery.

GOVERNMENT OVER-RIDES HIM

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PATRIOTIC FUND

Contributions for the patriotic fund have been received by C. B. Allan as follows:—Weisels' Cash Stores, for April, \$5; Bairdville, Victoria county, \$35.80; Bairdville, Victoria county, \$14; Adover, Victoria county, \$225; Perth, Victoria county, \$67; Municipality of Victoria, \$220.

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The committee adjourned until this afternoon to complete the hearing. General Von Klock wounded some days ago is recovering.