

## QUEBEC: SEPT. 13, 1759

### An Empire Anniversary.

Wolfe and Montcalm,  
(Standard of Empire).

My Lord Temple, Keeper of the Privy Seal, glanced significantly across the table to his brother-in-law a hint of malicious amusement in his eyes. The other met his glance for half a moment, and, with a shade of annoyance passing across his features, looked away.

Opposite him an Irishman, tall and slight, with red hair glistening of powder, gasconaded to the company at large, twirling a wine-glass between his fingers the while.

He would teach the French such a lesson, said he, that they would tumble over one another in their haste to escape the bayonets of his soldiers. He would cleanse New France of every taint of two days and his Majesty the King would be pleased.

For a moment there was silence. The Irishman gazed into the glowing coals on the hearth, enraptured by the visions of victory and triumph his imagination conjured up for him. Mr. Pitt studiously kept his face averted from Temple, who did little to hide his amusement.

The stillness was broken by the clatter of a falling chair. The Irishman had sprung to his feet, drawing his sword from its sheath as he rose. Ranting furiously of what should be done, and what could be done by himself—James Wolfe, to wit—he flourished the naked blade to and fro.

It was a scene to remain impressed on the memory—the red-headed man making furious passes at an imaginary enemy, his sword flashing and twinkling in the candlelight, the cold impassive demeanour of the one Minister and the half-sneer on the face of the other.

"And this," said my Lord Temple, when the two were alone, "is the man whom you would send against Quebec?"

It was probably the first and certainly the last time that Wolfe's Celtic temperament got the better of him. The second which had shocked Pitt was not due to wine, but to the effects which the great Minister and Empire-builder's personality had on an excitable disposition.

But James Wolfe, Major-General in the Army of His Majesty King George II., fulfilled his destiny.

One of the hardest problems ever set a British general in New France or elsewhere was the task of planning the English flag within the defences of Quebec. Guarded on the south by the St. Lawrence, eastwards by the Montmorency, which falls into the bigger river six miles below Quebec, and above the city by high cliffs and woodlands, the French commander, the Marquis de Montcalm de Saint Veran, had the task of defending his position made easy for him. More over, the town which had been fortified, and there were some seven thousand men to be employed in the defence.

With scant success the English had manoeuvred to and fro for more than two months. The position was difficult of attack, Wolfe's health had been bad, and his staff were not on the best of terms with him. Brigadier Townshend, writing home about this time, remarked that Wolfe's health is but very bad. His generalship, in his opinion, is not a bit better. The troops, however, adored their commander, and the affection more than made up for the trouble he had with his chief officers.

By the tenth of September Wolfe had formed the plan which was to win Canada for England, to add to the British realm a Dominion in potential wealth and area exceeding even those vast territories that were shortly to rise in rebellion against their Motherland.

In his daring Wolfe's scheme has an invincible charm. Briefly, it was to effect a landing at a place then known as the Anse du Poulon, nowdays called Wolfe's Cove, a mile and a half above Quebec. Wooded cliffs so precipitous and high towered over the landing that the position was almost impregnable. A hundred men could have held an army a bay there. But in the English general's judgment it was all the more likely to be left unguarded, especially, too, as his demonstrations higher up the river would have given Montcalm reason to believe that the attack would be delivered near Cap Rouge. Events proved that his calculations were correct.

So it came about that after dark on the night of the twelfth seventeen hundred men entered the boats and silently dropped down the river with the ebb tide.

The expedition was fraught with danger, and Wolfe seems to have had some presentiments of his fate, for the night before he took from his breast a miniature of Miss Lovell, to whom he was engaged—and asked Commander John Jervis, his old schoolfellow, to restore it to her.

As the boats drifted down the dark, silent waters of the St. Lawrence he is said to have murmured the lines of Gray's famous "Elegy," adding, "I would rather be the author of those lines than take Quebec."

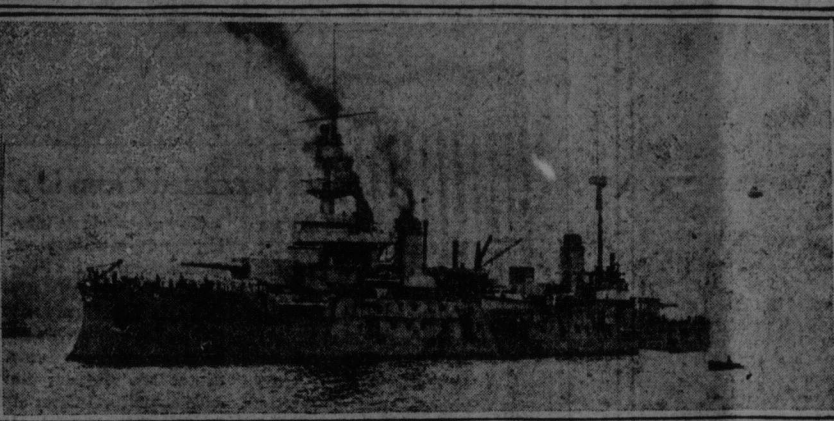
The stillness of the night was suddenly broken by a challenge—the shrill "Qui va là?" of a French sentry. For a moment Wolfe's heart must have been in his mouth. And then one of his officers replied in fluent French to the hail, declaring that they were no enemies, but a long-expected convey of provisions boats. So they passed undisturbed.

It was yet another dramatic touch to an adventure clock full of romance and peril.

They had reached the cove, and while yet the boat keels grated on the whinge, the men of the light infantry had started to land. It was a steep and dangerous path, and any moment the picket might have been roused and a volley swept the stragglers out of existence.

As it was the surprise was complete. The watch had been ill kept by a rowdy guard, and the French ran for their lives before the onrush of the assailants. The officer in command

## FRANCE SUFFERS GREATEST CALAMITY IN HISTORY OF ITS NAVY WHEN BATTLE SHIP EXPLODES



THE FRENCH BATTLE SHIP LIBERTÉ PHOTOGRAPHED IN HUDSON RIVER, N. Y. HERALD DESPATCH BOAT OWLET.

### The Liberté Blown to Fragments When Flames Spread to Her Magazines.

According to the latest reports, the number of deaths as a result of the explosion on the French battle ship Liberté, in the harbor of Toulon, will reach four hundred.

It transpires that not only the battle ship Liberté, but the entire French fleet in the harbor had the narrowest sort of an escape from sharing a similar fate when the Liberté was blown to pieces.

The debris from the Liberté was hurled with terrific force on board the Démocratie, the Vérité and the République, lying near by. On board the Démocratie there are twenty dead and fifty wounded, and also a number of dead and wounded on board the other two vessels.

The Liberté was the type ship of the so-called Liberté class in the French navy—a boat of 14,900 tons displacement and an over all length of 452 feet. Her full crew was placed at 733 men. She bore four 12-inch guns and ten guns of the French 7.6-inch type. She also had twenty-three small guns and four



ADMIRAL AUBERT, COMMANDER OF THE FLEET AT TOULON.

torpedo tubes. She was completed in 1907 at a cost of \$7,000,000. The Liberté class battle ships in-

clude the Démocratie, the Justice, the Verité and the Liberté, all eighteen knots vessels of the most modern type. They

correspond approximately to the five American battle ships of the New Jersey class, including the Virginia, the

Liberty, the Massachusetts, the Oregon and the Wisconsin.

With these ships the French fleet in the harbor of Toulon was one of the most powerful in the world.

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