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Waiting for the Signal

Greatest Fire Works Sho

Produced Could Not "Light a Match" to the Spectacle of the

British Artillery Before the

Glorious Advance to the

Capture of Vimy Ridge

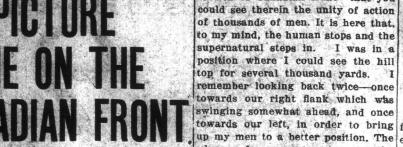
most attention that British Army ditions.

of the battle

done for the wounded.



got a dandy pocket knife as a souv-



owards our left, in order to bring follows from the front to his par- only they could not get over to our up my men to a better position. The ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Babcock, Ross-lines on account of the barrage. I advance from our trenches to the more :---- 1 ipped asunder by the flash of guns enemy lines, under our creeping bar-Somewhere in France iner. I could have had heaps of stuff

of all calibre; as one officer told me: lage, could only be as fast as that "I have seen the greatest fireworks" barrage permitted,—it was straight Just a line to let you know I am round with you, God knows we have show ever produced, but it cannot against every conceivable engine of fine and dandy after the big scrap enough and more man we can light a match to this. I have seen destruction that the German line and really never was better in my handle properly. I had to ditch my great tropical storms which would could afford. From the time the life except for a cold. Believe me Ma overcoat, but luck enough I got anopening crash of the barrage tore we had some fun and sure did the other and am all right. We lost our be lulled beside it." All through the brilliant sunshine asunder, as it were the barrier that best ever and I am sure no other brave major, gee Ma he was a peach

A Halifax officer who was wound of Easter Sunday the bombardment had kept back the British army for troops could have done what the and it nearly up set every body he ed in the taking of Viny Ridge continued unabated. Leaning over months, from the moment the men Canadian lads did, nothing was too was hit by one of our own shells too writes the following vivid account the parapet, watching the Hun line, were free to scramble over the top- good or to hard or too hazarous. anxious to get at the back. Our part of which resembled some huge there was not a word heard-every. Mother Dear, it was the most beauti-platoon officer took charge and he I was wounded in an advance at melting pot, with geysers of earth, thing was the deliberate precision of ful, yet awful sights one could im- did fine and I believe is mentioned.

Viny Ridge on the morning of the water, rocks, pieces of timber and a finely constructed machine—the agine, but at dawn we started and I haven't heard from Manley and I 9th-hereafter the glorious 9th to corrugated iron rising thirty feet in men passed through the gaps in our all the way it was nothing Fritzie's don't know if he was in the push or 9th—hereafter the glorious stn to corrugated from rising turry teet in all Canadians. That is now over a the air from the bursting of our week. I am at present—_____,hav- shells. I almost had piv for the hand, knelt a moment in shell holes, week. I am at present______nav- shells. I almost had pky for the while the barrage crept on with a but I'm sure we made the Huns pay hope he is alright. My pal here is all the trip by stages, receiving the ut- were living amid indescribable conlines moved forward as one man. It 11,000 prisoners so you can imagine rations to stretchers for us.

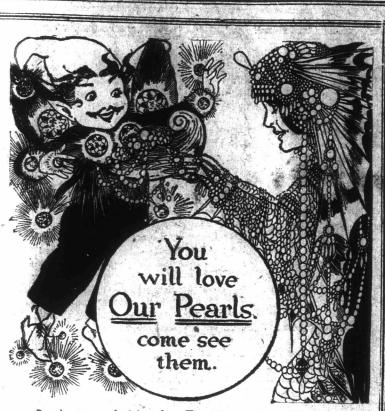
Medical Service could give. All that Behind the lines village Church was not an impluse-there was no how thick they were and their casu- I got your parcel of tobacco and Medical Service could give. All that bening the three village Church moment of excitability. Never has alities were much greater than that, honey in the hive, the day after the ness of the British Empire can do, is Flowers bedecked the altar in honor the dawn of a mortal day looked upof the Prince of Peace-the windows on anything so humanly irresistible, to our artillery which is the best ially as we had only hard tack and My flesh wound is not large. I was rattled with the concussion of guns The Advancing Canadian Waves ever, we give Fritz 20 for every one bully. I got four loaves of Fritz struck by a sharpnel bullet in the -- what incongruity for the Holy With the deliberateness of the ris- he sent and our ranges were much bread in a dug-out and it went alcalf of the right leg, just back of he Sabbath. The air droned with the ing sun spectral-like bodies of men better than his. When we got to right with the honey then today I bone. The bullet penetrated my rid-hum of planes-British and French were moving across no man's land. Farlus Wood and on the right of that got your other parcel of tobacco and ing boots, the leather of my breeches machines had as much mastery over Had there been a cheer or a quicken- we got over 40 guns and heaps of tin cake. Gee Ma, why didn't you evidently preventing it from enter- our heads as the artiflery had with ing of the pace-the enemy might machine guns and ammunition and send all cakes, they were real good ing the flesh except to imbed itself us. Fritz remained discreetly behind have been more or less affected; the supplies it was the most wonderful believe me.

in the side of my leg. I "carried on" his own ines-under the earth in whole thing would then have con-thing that has taken place since war Well I guess I have said all I can for about two hours-plodding wonderful tunnels and galleries men tained some semblance of being real has started. I felt a little nervous at think of just now I'll write more hrough mud in places almost to the worked unremittingly in the final and human. As it was, the waves of first but after the first ten minutes when I have more time and feel less waist. The strain on the leg evidently preparations. All through the starry Fundy sweeping to the shores of I felt as interested as I would have like sleep. I hope Dada is all O.K. bruised the chords so that it may be night the guns never ceased-the Minas exhibit no more, irresistible at a circus I can't say much but and in the best of health. I was some time before I shall walk nor- flashes had become one constant power than did those colorless waves Mother Dear, I'll have lots to tell marching up the line on my birthmally. I was certainly most fortunate flame along the horizon, defying of Canadian infantry in the grey you when I get back about the fire day so I won't forget that one. Well -I suppose death whizzed past me even the brilliant radfance of the light of early dawn. But to those works and how they do things over good night Ma and best wishes to a thousand times that morning, with moon that flooded the spectral land waves, there was no breaking-and here. Fritzie never had a show and all including Clara, Gert, Lena and

the enemy, realizing the fulility of I don't really think he will last long. Floss, Art. and Nell and all the rest trying to stem the tide, fled to his He ran away like mad and as yet we and Eva if you see her. Best wishes -and God has been very good to permit me to take part in an event of such tremendous import to my British gun spoke. The enemy bom-bomsuch tremendous import to my British gun spoke. The enemy bom-countrymen, and to spare me-I hope for even greater things. Praise For The Canadians The first thing an Imparial officer from and he, too, subsided. Heavy clouds growing faintly light. Everything The first thing an Imperial officer growing faintly light. Everything demarched to show us when we had ng, but very sore as their officers Mae and a said to me on arrival at the hospital was ready—thousands of men were reached our objective of the first an away and left them. I think we son Bob.

said to me on arrival at the hospital was "Well you Canadians have ex-ceeded even your previous splendid from Vimy Ridge to Arras. The exploits." It was not modesty, but truth, which made me reply::"Credit is due to all and every branch of the is due to all and every branch of the

truth, which made me reply: "Credit is due to all and every branch of the service. Without any one, nothing could have been accomplished:" the aman thought of it, or any-thing else poetical, except his OUTLINED THE SITUATION Therefore I hope you have seen a thing else poetical, except his story in some degree worthy of the prayers, in the few moments that re-event At the same time I will admit mained before the signal. Far down event. At the same time, I will admit mained before, the signal. Far down were not obliterated. If you have "The Circus". This was much ap-situation as unchanged and read a event. At the same time, I will admit that on the second des-that only a master hand could des-cribe it. To adequately paint, with the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, earth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, earth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, earth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, carth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, carth and water gush-the words of our language, the scene tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and water gush-the d forth from no man's land-the tain of flame, carth and tai which took place along the Canadian ed forth from no man's land-the Viny Ridge when the British artilwhich took place along the Canadian front last Monday morning is to in-tronches, barbed wire entangle were the elements that composed the Trenches, barbed wire entangle



Pearls are modest jewels. They keep themselves secreted in shells on the ocean's bed. Even after they are discovered, polished and set they bespeak modesty. A pearl necklace, a pearl brooch or a pearl rings will be sure to make an acceptable gift for any woman.

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