

ONE OF BATTALIONS TO LEAD AT AMIENS WAS FIGHTING 18TH

Major C. M. R. Graham Tells Canadian Club of Greatest Compliment Ever Paid Canadians—Brought From North of France To Do Trick—Captured Train in Wild West Style.

Perhaps the most vivid account of an engagement at the front that has ever been heard in the city of London was given last night at the Tecumseh House before the members of the Canadian Club by Major C. M. R. Graham, when he spoke at the luncheon on "The Battle of Amiens."

So vivid was his description of the battle that he was frequently interrupted by cheers and loud applause. Lieut. Col. A. A. Campbell introduced the major, who was cheered to the echo before he had scarcely begun his address.

In the afternoon Major Graham also addressed a large audience of members of the Women's Canadian Club. He was warmly greeted by the Women's Canadian Club, and presented with a basket of roses from the hands of Mrs. F. E. Leonard, who presided.

"The greatest compliment that has ever been paid to the Canadians was that

for the south. Canadians had never been in that part of France before, and the people were astonished that we were not Indians. For the first day we trained with the tanks, and then for the rest of the time moved forward only at night.

"Here as we passed along we saw the huge dumps of everything conceivable for a big offensive, which the Allies had been placing there for months ahead of the time, ready for the day of action. No other country. France could have been used as the battleground of so great a war, unless rebuilt for the purpose. Here already are the famous roads built in the time of Napoleon, running straight across the country, and so wide that four automobiles may pass. These roads were organized like a four-track railroad, two lines of cars going one way and two lines of cars going the opposite way, and for weeks before the battle of Amiens a continual stream of traffic passed along these roads at night.

"Everything Was Quiet."

"During the daytime everything was quiet, eloquent of the great void of modern warfare, when nothing is doing. But just as soon as dusk would set in it seemed as if a great rolling mill had started going, as a continuous line of traffic began each way.

"Hundreds of motor trucks loaded with shells, great guns, and transports would move along at a steady rate of five miles an hour. They had to get to their destination and be securely camouflaged by dawn, for at the first hint of light the enemy planes were aloft to see if anything was moving. But everything was so perfectly organized and timed that nothing could go amiss. Indeed, there never was such a perfect organization as Gen. Foch had piled up behind that twenty miles of front be-

fore the battle of Amiens.

The infantry is considered the least important part of the army at times like these. Above all things they must keep off the good roads where the transports are passing. The most important thing before the battle is to get up the supplies. The infantry is important only when a battle is on. So they sent us up to the front across rough country roads, by way of making it so far, any way, so long as we got there and didn't hinder the progress of the all-important munitions.

"Had To Get Supplies."

"In addition to this we had to get our own supplies there somehow, for before 'jumping off' every man had to be equipped with 48 hours' rations, a double quantity of munitions, four hand bombs, two water bottles and several handkerchiefs of various colors to relieve the throats of the men better than a few raisins. If rains had been scarce in Canada, you know the reason why.

"Before the battle we tell our men just how they are going to be placed, what they are expected to do, and what effect this will have on the morale of the enemy. We explain the whole battle plan to them by means of maps. We tell them of the wonderful Red Cross organization which has been set up, and how every man, woman and child away back as far as Vancouver is supporting them. We teach our men to yell and go into battle, for this saves them from shell shock, and if their mouths are open their ear drums are protected.

"The night before the battle we were all told to be at a certain trench at 11:15 the next morning. We had three and a half hours to go from 11 p.m. to that night until 3:15 a.m. Everything was quiet, and we decided to leave the trench and go along the top, but private Fritz discovered us and we had to get back into the trench, which contained about twelve inches of water, churned up with chafky ground, making a sort of mortar to which our feet persisted in sticking. But nothing was a murmur from the men. At the last we had to get out and crawl along on our hands and knees.

"By morning there were 200,000 troops lying in wait on a twenty-mile front. Cannon were standing wheel to wheel, ready to be fired on a moment's notice, for action, and behind them the tanks, which would follow us up after we had got about five miles. We were informed that zero was 4:20. Imagine if you will that great multitude of men lying there from 3:15 to 4:20, with officers crawling behind, whispering messages, and men exchanging handclaps, for they all knew that they had something bigger to tackle than they had ever tackled before.

"Suddenly it seemed as if the whole universe was torn asunder when 8,000 guns went off at the same moment. (You know the sound of guns in Victoria Park on the 24th of May.) This was the sign for us to go over the top, and inside of three minutes we could see a thing for smoke and dust. We went forward under a creeping barrage, and for 164 minutes there was a constant, concentrated fire from our guns. The Allies expended this \$20,000,000 worth of ammunition in three hours that morning. When we came in contact with the enemy the fight was like one in a dark room, and that is what saved a great number of our men, for the Germans could not see to use their machine guns until our men had come too close, and when a Canadian comes that close to a German, the German is always licked.

"Hard to Keep Direction."

"Our greatest trouble was to maintain our right direction, and every officer carried a compass in one hand and a rifle in the other. Before the battle there had been in the history of this war no all-hand lighting. The sun had come out beautifully, and there followed the loveliest open air fighting, as our way through great wheat fields of wheat fields. We captured an enemy battery, and soon we were under their machine guns on them. Our duty then was to throw up ground to be ready for a counter-attack. While we were doing this the fifth brigade behind us came up and passed on, and then later the sixth brigade, to carry on the work ahead.

"It was then that we got a sight of our magnificent Canadian cavalry, and their wonderful work. The first three days of Amiens the Canadian cavalry did things which no one thought possible. They would gallop off and capture a whole train of Germans, just as they met a coach on the prairies of the West. One of them would jump up to the train and get it down through the German lines, bringing with it hundreds of German prisoners. Our men lay right down flat on their horses' backs, and rode the way the Indians taught them on the plains in early days. In this battle 300 horses were lost, and only 17 men wounded. They harassed the enemy on every side, so that they could not dig themselves in, and were forced to retreat to the old line.

"Dig In Near Chalk Pits."

"We had stopped to dig in just near some chalk pits, where the German field dressing stations were situated. And just here let me say that the German doctor on the battle line is just as brave as a Canadian doctor. He refuses to admit his patients before the enemy advance.

"We divided our men in twos, each pair with a trenching tool to dig a wide and 6 feet long, and as deep as possible, with only a trenching tool with which to dig to the bottom of this was put a ground sheet, and another ground sheet was put over the top and the trench was filled with quantities of wheat, so that the enemy was unaware of our presence.

"I had to go back to a French town which had been captured the night before and report, and on entering the town at 4 o'clock in the morning I found that already the Y. M. C. A. was going full blast, handing out hot tea and coffee to the troops, and not asking a cent for it, either.

"We found wonderful Hun dugouts, fitted up with tapestry and furniture pilaged from French houses. Our men were not allowed to touch a thing. A salvage party comes up directly behind the infantry, and in a short time all these articles of value are stored in some big dugout or building and placed under guard, to be later turned over to the French Government and eventually to the French people.

"The bravest men to be found at the front are the padres. They have now a different view of that animal called man than they had before the war. They go into the trenches with the men, loaded down with water bottles, cigarettes and rum, going from man to man, and they tell them where they can. And they will come back to occupy their pulpits here in London, and tell you a bigger men than when they went away.

"Above all, be patient with your men when they come home. You cannot expect them to go through the sort of thing I have just been telling you about and return to the normal life immediately. It's going to take a lot of nourishing, not only of the body but of the whole nervous system, before they are ready to fit in, absolutely with normal life again," declared Major Graham in conclusion.

**LINDSAY CRAWFORD
TO SPEAK AT OPEN
MEETING TONIGHT**

Will Lecture at Hyman Hall on "Liberalism and Democracy."

"Liberalism and Democracy" is the subject on which Lindsay Crawford, editor of "The Statesman," will deliver an address under the auspices of the Liberal Club in Hyman Hall at 8 o'clock tonight.

An invitation has been extended to everyone to hear this free lecture by Mr. Crawford, whose ability as a lecturer and a journalist, is too well known to require comment.

Mr. Crawford will review the course through which the Government of Canada has passed during the war, and will deal with principles of reconstruction applicable to the guidance of



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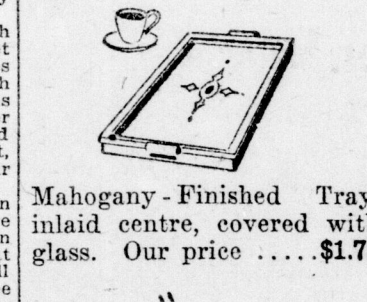
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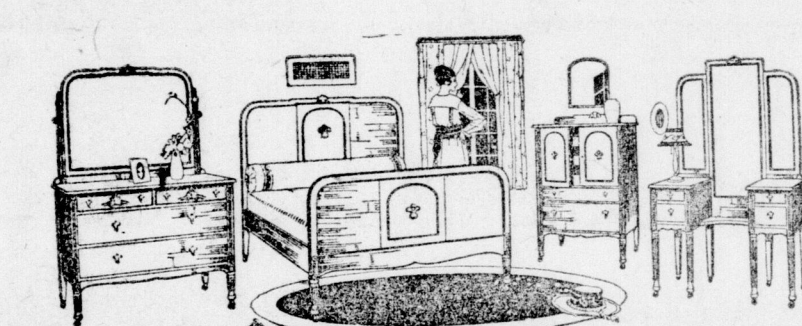


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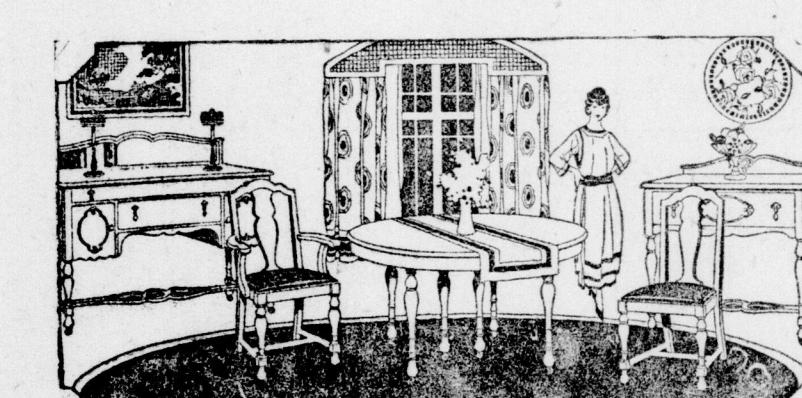
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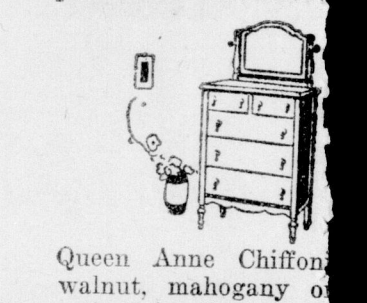
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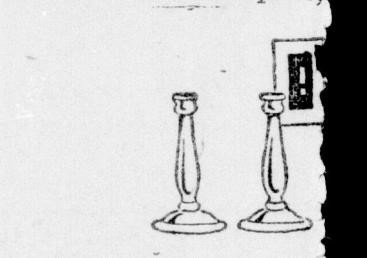
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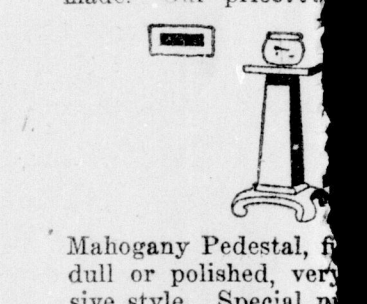
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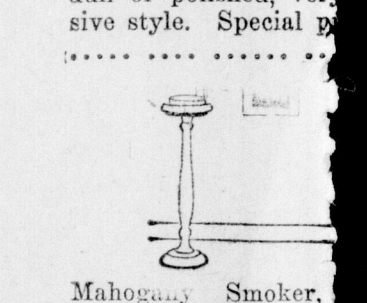
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| Half dozen Bouillon Spoons, blossom design. Regular \$3.50, for. \$1.75 | 1 1/2 dozen Plain Dinner Forks. Regular \$3.00, for. \$1.50 half dozen |
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HARDWARE PRICES SHOW DROP DURING LAST WEEK

Hardware and Metal, Dec. 14, will say: Readjustments in jobbers' prices to lower levels on both black and galvanized sheets have occurred this week. These are quite in line with developments expected when exceptional conditions existing under active war efforts were modified. Prices at the mills show no change, and the basis of selling now arrived at here is considered more in line with mill values. Galvanized sheets are down about 1 1/2c, and black sheets about 3c per pound all around. Supplies are expected to improve, some tonnage being promised shipment this month, and by February it is hoped a fair rate of delivery will be maintained by the mills.

Late advice received last week as Hardware and Metal went to press recorded a decline of 1 1/2c per pound in binder twine. The new prices in the United States were determined by the food administration there in conjunction with the manufacturers. The food administration states that in arriving at a decision as to a proper price basis, it took into consideration these facts: That a substantial amount of twine was carried over by the manufacturers which was made from sisal fibre bought at a high figure; that further sisal fibre has been bought at approximately 30 per cent lower than last year's cost, and that averaging up these figures, a lower cost is arrived at. This results in a lower manufacturer's selling price, amounting to 1 1/2c per pound in Canada, and twine should reach the consumer at a lower figure.

Some lower prices on iron and steel bars are recorded, steel bars showing a slight decline of 50c, and iron bars 35c per 100 pounds in some. Lead pipe has declined 1c per pound, allowing an easing away in the pig lead.

The price of antimony is down quarters, and the range of quoted considerably narrowed thereby, but unchanged, and shows a decline. Tin has held its market on lead and tin had further recessions in prices. Dealers state that the demand for steel goods is quite brisk. Business has been neglected for a long coming to life. Apparently the steel from industries affected by the trade of the mines, and shipbuilding. The outlook is good for 1919 business.