

AUSTRIANS LOSE HEAVILY ON DNEISTER RIVER BATTLE-FRONT

Canadians Bravely Faced Certain Death at Ypres

Journalist Pieces the Story Together—Lines Waving Like Wheat in a Windstorm, But Thinned by Terrible Fire, Still Pressed On.

Special Wire to the Courier. Folkestone, May 17.—(Written for the Canadian Press by Walter Curzon)—That the Canadians saved the day at Ypres has already been told; the appalling casualty list in fact tells its own graphic story, but complete narratives of the tragic event, how the Canadians valiantly faced almost certain death—who is to tell the story, this of it can be pieced together from the accounts of survivors, who modestly describe their own participation, and in this way a composite picture can be visualized touching only the outstanding features. Much must be left to the imagination, and that will fall far short of the reality. TAKE AN INSPIRED PEN It would take an inspired pen to do justice to the glorious valour of the Canadians. Only a few of the incidents will ever be recorded in detail. As the wounded survivors tell their stories, admiration emerges into amazement. Lieut. George Smith, one of the wounded in Dr. Armour's Queens Canadian military hospital near here says: "The conduct of the Canadians was an inspiration. They never faltered, they never hesitated, but under the

GERMANY WILL NOT CONCEDE

Her Attitude in Submarine Warfare, Says Matin.

Paris May 18.—Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania will be sent Thursday, according to the Martin's Amsterdam correspondent who says he is informed it will justify the attack on the ground that the submarine commander has affirmed in his report that only one torpedo was fired, which convinces him that the second explosion was due to the fact that the ship carried munitions of war. The report is said to state that the torpedo was fired in such a way that the Lusitania would not have sunk if she had not had explosives aboard. The Matin's correspondent says it is reported in Amsterdam that Germany will throw the responsibility for the disaster on England and on the American authorities who permitted passengers to embark on a ship carrying explosives. It is believed in Holland, he asserts, that Germany will decline to modify its methods of submarine warfare.

"REMEMBER THE LUSITANIA" NEW SLOGAN

Bitter, Bloody and Merciless Fighting is Raging.

London, May 17.—"I heard men going into battle with the cry 'Remember the Lusitania!' on their lips, and it had a terrible meaning for the Germans," writes a correspondent in the Black Watch, describing the battles near La Bassee. "For bitter, hand-to-hand fighting there has been nothing to equal this. The use of poisonous gas and the sinking of the Lusitania have driven from the hearts of our men all false sentiment about the Germans, and I think they know it. "That 'Remember the Lusitania' slogan transformed ordinary kind-hearted soldiers into avenging furies. Many of the Germans found to their cost that for every helpless human being sacrificed on that liner German soldiers have to account with their lives. "Even the wounded felt some of the rancor of that awful fight," he concludes. "With hands that shook they clutched at any weapon that was handy, fought each other on the ground, hurling taunts, gibes and curses at each other with their dying breath." Jim Moy, Chinese doctor, is held to have the right to prescribe drugs in Pittsburgh. Billy Sunday will go to Trenton, N.J., in January, 1916, and Chicago in January, 1917.

Russians Claim Great Victory Over Austrians

CITY COUNCIL HELD MEETING

Some of the Routine Business Which Was Transacted

Regular meeting of the city council last night. All the members present. BUSINESS DONE. Accepted with alacrity an invitation to attend the opening ball game on Thursday and passed hearty resolutions. Received report from Mayor Spence regarding present shape of gas company and recommendation. Dealt with a largely signed petition requesting the pool room license on Dalhousie street, and again referred the matter. Discussed the report of West Brantford people to have street car service resumed. COMMUNICATIONS. The usual time lists were ordered to be paid. Letter from C. J. Mitchell, stating that he was desirous of securing fifty feet next to the Temple Building for the purpose of erecting a modern garage show room, and offering \$1500 frontage for the property. From J. Creasser on behalf of the Brantford Municipal Railway Commission, stating it would be necessary to construct a way from the present track on Colborne street to the new terminal station, and asking permission for same. From T. L. Brown, secretary of the Hamilton Board of Trade, asking Brantford to co-operate in a town-planning movement, together with other places, and announcing a general meeting in Hamilton on June 4th. From Mayor Waugh, Winnipeg, suggesting that each city call a meeting with reference to dealing with the unemployed, and that a conference of mayors in said regard take place with the Federal Government. From the secretary of the Provincial Treasurer acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by Brantford Trades and Labor Council in regard to provincial subsidies for hydro electric radial railways, and saying same would be given consideration. From the Bell Telephone company, asking leave to open up the following streets to lay thereon underground wires: South Market, from manhole south of bridge at Greenwich street, to Erie Ave., and on Erie from south Market to Eagle Ave., along with the necessary branches into intersecting streets and lanes. From John Black, asking that a pool room license be granted to David J. Wilkes, Dalhousie street in the premises formerly occupied by J. S. Hamilton and Co. Ald. Ryerson said that ex-Ald. McEwen was present on behalf of Mr. Wilkes, and would like to address the council. Mr. McEwen stated that he spoke on behalf of Mr. Wilkes. On the advice of a prominent Toronto lawyer, Mr. Wilkes had organized the Club. Men from perhaps other harmful habits. The V.M.C.A., an institution for the moral uplift of young boys had pool and billiard tables and encouraged the use of them, and would not for a moment do that if the diversion led to harm. He asked for a kindly consideration of the appeal of the petitioners on behalf of his client. The Mayor said he couldn't agree with all that Mr. McEwen had said.

Enemy Routed Between Pruth and Dneister Rivers—Captured Austrians Number Over 20,000 and Were Forced Back 140 Versts.

London, May 18.—A despatch from Petrograd to the Reuter Telegram Company says: "The Russian official statement describes the Austrian debacle in Bukovina as of such vast importance as to render nugatory their ephemeral success in Galicia. The latest particulars represent that the entire region between the Dniester and the Pruth is in Russian hands as the result of the brilliant victory, while the Austrians utterly defeated, are in disorderly flight. They have abandoned 20,000 prisoners and important, powerfully organized positions on a front of 140 versts for the defence of which they made tremendous sacrifices in money and lives. "Everything tends to prove that as a consequence of this victory Czernewitz already is in the possession of the Russian army, flying in the direction of the Pruth, are in danger of disaster, which seems inevitable because of the fierce action of our cavalry which fell upon the retreating enemy in full divisions, destroying him and incessantly augmenting the number of our trophies. This furious pursuit, so advantageous for us, continues. "At the present moment the cluster of roads in Bukovina occupies our attention, especially in the region of Kolomea. Here the enemy has been reinforced and has assembled every resource he possesses for defence, Kolomea being the only railway connecting Bukovina with Transylvania and other Austro-Hungarian regions. The enemy's failure in this district, which is imminent, will cut short immediately his further resistance in Bukovina. ADMIT SLIGHT REVERSE Petrograd, via London, May 18.—8:24 a.m.—An official statement issued by the Russian general staff, admits that Austro-German columns "pursued" Russian troops which moved to a new position between the Pilica and the Upper Vistula. It is contended however, that attacks against the recently occupied front in the direction of the Stry and Dolina were fruitless as were assaults along the Pruth. The communication follows: "Since the morning of the 16th in the Shavli region, the battles have continued to develop favorably for us." (Continued on Page 4)

CAPT. COLQUHOUN WRITES ABOUT THE BIG BATTLE

Knocked Over Four Times—Led in the Attack—Is Only Company Commander in the Fourth Battalion Surviving, and is Unscratched.

The following letter, received from Captain Colquhoun, tells how that gallant little soldier went through the hard-fought day safely—a seeming miracle: In the Field, April 30, 1915. At last I get time to drop you a line. We are resting for a few days after having six days' and nights' continuous fighting. We suffered very badly. I have been working on my casualty list all day, and find I have lost about 160 out of a total of 227—that is, killed and wounded. I will send you a list of the Brantford boys as soon as I get it completed. They say it was the hardest fight of the war. I am the only company commander left in the Fourth Battalion, and my company suffered the worst of the lot. I had to lead the attack all day. It was a very hot spot, and no one can understand how I came out without a scratch. I was knocked down three times with Jack Johnsons, but they could not stop me. I got up, and on we went, although I was badly dazed. The bullets were as thick as hail, and I do not see how any of us came out, as we had no cover at all, and we advanced about 1200 yards in the face of that terrible fire. I got a draft of 150 men for my company, Walter Towers among them. There is only Lieut. Jones and I left. Captain Collins, Lieuts. Miller and McGuire are wounded. I will write to-morrow if we are not in the fighting.

NO LESSENING ON THE YPRES FRONT

LONDON, May 18.—Seven separate and distinct battles were fought in the week just closed, and there can be little doubt that the days from Saturday, the 8th, until Saturday, the 14th, will rank among the most bloody in the history of western Europe, says the Das de Calais correspondent of the Times. He adds: "Saturday night saw no lessening in the intensity of the struggle. On the Ypres front, although outnumbered and in danger of being outflanked, our men again and again hurled back German attacks. During the darkness the Germans, as though aware that with every passing hour their opportunity was slipping away, continued to hurl themselves against our lines. Men who lived through this night shot until they could no longer hold their rifles. The fury of the assault was indescribable. Dawn of Sunday showed in the fields in front of Ypres the dead piled like corn stalks at harvest time, British and German lying side by side."

FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTICE

Paris, May 18, 2:35 p.m.—The French War Office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of hostilities: "On the terrain to the west of the Yser canal conquered by us yesterday the writer avers that a chaplain took the statement on oath of the man who took down the body of a sergeant. Mr. Houston is an active member of the administrative committee of the King Edward's Horse, in which capacity he has come in contact with many Canadians. He is a prominent steamship owner and has done much for the welfare of Seely's Brigade. The Globe reports to-day that a letter from an officer in the Leicester Regiment charges that not only a Canadian, but a man from the 5th Leicester Territorials has been crucified.

Trouble is Brewing at the Admiralty

London, May 18.—There have been no new developments so far to-day in the threatened break between Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lord Fisher, admiral of the fleet and First Sea Lord. It is understood, however, that the matter will be the subject of a statement in the House of Commons to-day. The Daily Telegraph this morning says the resignation of Lord Fisher is thought to be probable. The Times is among the London newspapers this morning which mentions the fact that Lord Fisher has not attended the Admiralty for the last two days, and the rumors arising from this of friction between him and Mr. Churchill. LATER. London, May 18.—Question time in the House of Commons passed without the anticipated statement from Premier Asquith, or any reference to the reported ministerial crisis. The rumored resignations of Mr. Churchill and Lord Fisher both remain unconfirmed. ONE FIFTY A SECOND. London, May 18.—F. A. Acland, financial secretary to the treasury, speaking at a meeting here yesterday, estimated the cost of the war to Great Britain at \$150 a second. This means an expenditure of \$12,960,000 a day. Lloyd George's recent estimate was \$10,500,000.

Several Canadians Crucified by Germans at Langemarck

London, May 17.—Several letters from Canadian officers and men have been received by R. P. Houston, M.P., corroborating the charges that the Germans crucified Canadians. As a result of these Mr. Houston intends putting further questions in the House of Commons. He will ask the Under Secretary of War if he has information that during a recent fight, in which the Canadians were temporarily driven back, and were compelled to leave forty wounded in a barn, that on recapturing the position they found that the Germans had bayoneted all the wounded except a sergeant, and that the Germans had removed the figure of Christ from the village crucifix and fastened the sergeant there while alive, and also if crucifixion is being a favorite practice of the enemy. Mr. Houston produced a letter from a lieutenant of the 15th bat-

LARGE PETITION IS PRESENTED COUNCIL FOR THE POOL-ROOM

Mayor Spence Reviews the Situation From all Points and the Matter is Again Referred to the Committee.

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Germany's Reply is Drafted—May be Made Public To-day

Berlin, May 18.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's note will not be one of defiance. It will be replete with suggestions aiming at a friendly settlement of the issues at stake, and will be couched in the most courteous and conciliatory phrases. Nevertheless two facts will be most clearly and most emphatically set forth: First.—Germany will not disavow the sinking of the Lusitania, beyond expressing "the deepest regret" at the loss of American lives. Second.—The German Government will not yield one inch with regard to its present policy of submarine warfare against Great Britain. Throughout the German reply to Washington there will sound the keynote: "England is to blame. We acted and will act in self-defence. Our submarines constitute the one effective weapon against her starvation policy. It is expected that the notes will be made public to-day. Despite the fact that is frankly intimated by officials having a hand in the drafting of the German reply that the essential principle involved, namely, the safety of American passengers on "any ships they choose to board," will not be conceded, the atmosphere here is extremely optimistic. In fact, the outlook for an amicable settlement of the differences with the United States is brighter to-day than it has been at any time since the sinking of the Gulfight on May 1. "The 'strong thirsty' flour that absorbs lots of water is the cheapest to use. Order Purity now."

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