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THE SITUATION

Canadian forces at the front continue to "carry on." There is nothing of a referendum nature about their course of conduct, but straight driving at the enemy to the full value of every ounce there is in them. The manner in which they are comporting themselves in the Lens fighting is simply a duplicate of the previous magnificent record which they have established for themselves. For a considerable time they have been getting closer and closer to the "Coal City," and yesterday's drive served to net them two thousand yards of enemy positions after severe hand-to-hand fighting. As this is written, the fierce struggle is still in progress, with the boys of the Maple Leaf apparently having the upper hand. Sir Douglas Haig has sent a message congratulating the boys on "the skill, bravery and determination" which they have exhibited, and his words of praise will be warmly re-echoed the civilized world over.

On the Verdun front, the French are continuing their recently launched offensive with unstayed success. They have taken more villages, more trenches, more prisoners and more material.

The Italians, also, in the Isonzo operations, are commencing to make the Austrian lines crack, and in addition to a number of fortified positions, they have, up to date, bagged over ten thousand prisoners.

In Washington yesterday, another loan of \$50,000,000 was made to the Allies, making a total to date of \$1,966,400,000.

SIR WILFRID WRITES A LETTER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is manifestly getting anxious with reference to the number of Liberals who, all over the Dominion, have declared that they cannot follow a leader who fails to endorse them out and win the war policy.

And well he might be.

In Winnipeg, at a mass meeting, the rank and file of the party in Manitoba have repudiated the outcome of the machine dominated convention previously held, and in Ontario the Liberal members and candidates who met in caucus in Toronto to have had their attitude generally challenged. It turned out later that a false report of proceedings had been given out to the press, which in itself constitutes another evidence of the desperate tactics of the men who are vainly trying to keep Sir Wilfrid's followers in line.

In a letter sent to Mr. Wise, secretary of the "Win the War League" of Toronto, but intended for the general public, Laurier, tries to square himself and doesn't succeed.

He was asked by Mr. Wise to put a "definite limit" on the time he desired for the continuation of voluntary enlistment and his answer is once more the evasive one of "Referendum."

In plain English he refuses to come out four square for conscription because of Quebec, and that is why Liberals in the other Provinces will continue to balk with regard to his leadership.

During the course of his epistle Sir Wilfrid severely arraigns the Borden administration. That of course is in his opinion the Borden Government has not done well in war matters.

As to that does any sensible man, or woman, believe that with himself in power, and under Quebec domination one title of the things would have been accomplished which have been done?

For himself Laurier declares that there should be a conference with "Great Britain and her Allies" to ascertain how and to what extent Canadian participation in the war can be "utilized to the greatest advantage." Anyone would suppose from such a statement that the struggle was just commencing. This Dominion knows full well what she can do. It is men, and produce and munitions and in all these respects up to date, the record is an excellent one.

He further asserts that a Government should be "brought into being composed as far as possible of the ablest men of all classes." No reference here it will be noticed to Conservatives whom he evidently regards as taboo.

A third postulate is that voluntary

enlistment can still be continued with success. The facts are all against that and the method would enable Quebec to continue as a slinker.

Altogether this latest effusion of the Liberal chief will serve to still further demonstrate that he is an utter impossibility in the present crisis.

THE BORDEN-ROGERS CORRESPONDENCE.

The publication of the correspondence which passed between Premier Borden and Hon. Mr. Rogers serves to still further bring into bold relief the earnestness with which Sir Robert has been seeking to bring about a coalition government in this testing period. Mr. Rogers considers that he has been too patient and hence his withdrawal from the Cabinet. His charge that the government has been inactive is fully and unanswerably met by the first minister while the latter has once again demonstrated his sincerity and singleness of purpose on behalf of establishing a strong ministry representative of all elements irrespective of party affiliations. If he cannot do this with recognized leaders he proposes to go to others prominent in the ranks.

THE GLOBE BALKS

The following extracts are taken from a leading editorial in the Toronto Globe of this morning:

"Sir Wilfrid's formula will not reconcile the conflicting views of Liberals, because it attempts the impossible. He adheres to the device of a referendum, which even his Western Liberal friends declined to endorse. He would consult Great Britain and her allies as to the contributions desired from Canada, but he outlines no plan to insure a compliance with their requests. "A vigorous and compact system of voluntary enlistment, conceived and carried out on a strictly non-partisan and broadly national basis," would not answer the purpose unless accompanied by a pledge to apply compulsion if the recruiting campaign failed. Such a pledge Sir Wilfrid does not give."

KELVIN

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Mr. Ben D. Livingston of Tillsonburg, was calling on his aunt in this section on Sunday.

Mr. Earl Raucher of Norwich, spent Sunday with his uncle in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, spent one day last week with relatives in Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McMicking and daughter of Toronto, were guests at Cedar Lawn on Friday.

A number from here attended the funeral on Sunday afternoon of the late George Howey of Vanessa.

Mrs. Charles McNelles, spent Saturday in the Telephone city.

Mr. David Phipps, spent over Sunday with his brother, Mr. John A. Phipps, of Brantford.

Mr. Andrew Slaght and daughter, Miss Beulah, are spending a few days with relatives in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Raucher spent Thursday with the former's brother in Norwich.

Mrs. F. A. Goring has returned home after spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. John McCombs of La Salette.

Mr. Pursley of Simcoe, was thru here on business one day last week.

We had a nice shower of rain here on Thursday which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Clark and children spent Sunday with the latter's parents in Teeterville, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCombs and sons, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke.



ITALIANS FINE VICTORY

The renewed Italian drive on Trieste is illustrated on the accompanying map, which locates Anthona, about midway between Tolmino and Gorizia where the Italians crossed the Isonzo, and Plava, from which point down to the sea they crossed the enemy's front line. The possession of "three heights" viz: Monte Santo, San Gabriele, and Hermada are necessary to the Italian plan of campaign against the Adriatic seaport.

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Annersburg	Oct. 1, 2
Atwood	Sept. 18, 19
Anaaster	Sept. 18, 19
Beamsville	Sept. 21, 22
Blenheim	Oct. 4, 5
Blyth	Oct. 2, 3
Bothwell's Corners	Sept. 20, 21
Bowmanville	Sept. 18, 19
Brampton	Sept. 21, 22
Bridgen	Oct. 1, 2
Brighton	Sept. 13, 14
Brussels	Oct. 4, 5
Burford	Oct. 2, 3
Caedonia	Oct. 11, 12
Barrie	Sept. 17, 18
Brookville	Aug. 20, 23
Collingwood	Sept. 19, 21
Campbellford	Sept. 25, 26
Cayuga	Sept. 25, 26
Charlton	Sept. 26, 27
Hanover	Sept. 20, 21
Chatham	Sept. 18, 20
Chesley	Sept. 18, 19
Leamington	Oct. 8-5
Comber	Sept. 28, 29
Dorchester Station	Oct. 3
Dresden	Sept. 27, 28
Drumbo	Sept. 25, 26
Dunnville	Sept. 13, 14
Elmhurst	Sept. 14, 15
Embro	Oct. 4
Essex	Sept. 18, 20
Flesherton	Thanksgiving Day
Pergus	Sept. 26, 27
Frederic	Oct. 4, 5
Forest	Sept. 26, 27
Fore Erie	Oct. 9, 10
Galt	Oct. 4, 5
Georgetown	Oct. 3, 4
Glencoe	Sept. 25, 26
Goderich	Sept. 26, 28
Gorrie	Oct. 6
Highgate	Oct. 12, 13
Ingersoll	Oct. 1, 2
Jarvis	Sept. 26, 27
Kincardine	Sept. 20, 21
Kirkton	Oct. 4, 5
Kingston	Sept. 25, 27
Lakefield	Sept. 27, 28
Lambeth	Sept. 26
London (Western Fair)	Sept. 7-16
Lusknow	Sept. 27, 28
Listowel	Sept. 20, 21
Colborne	Sept. 11, 12
Madoc	Oct. 2, 3
Meaford	Sept. 27, 28
Merlin	Sept. 20, 21
Melbourne	Oct. 2
Midland	Sept. 27, 28
Milton	Sept. 17, 18
Milton	Oct. 9, 10
Milverton	Sept. 27, 28
Mount Brydges	Oct. 5
Mount Forest	Sept. 19, 20
New Hamburg	Sept. 23, 24
Norwich	Sept. 25, 26
Norwood	Oct. 9, 10
Orangeville	Sept. 28, 19
Ottawa (Central Canada)	Sept. 27
Oshawa	Oct. 8-5
Onondaga	Oct. 1, 2
Paisley	Sept. 25, 26
Palmerston	Sept. 18, 19
Paris	Sept. 27, 28
Parkhill	Sept. 24, 25
Petrolia	Sept. 20, 21
Ridgeway	Oct. 8-10
Ripley	Sept. 25, 26
Rodney	Oct. 1, 2
Sarnia	Sept. 25, 26
Seaforth	Sept. 20, 21
Shedden	Sept. 19
Simcoe	Oct. 8-10
Stratford	Sept. 17-19
Strathroy	Sept. 17-19
Tara	Oct. 2, 3
Tavistock	Oct. 2
Tesswater	Oct. 2, 3
Thamesville	Oct. 2, 3
Theford	Sept. 20, 21
Thorndale	Sept. 24, 25
Thurford	Sept. 18, 19
Tipton	Oct. 2
Toronto (C. N. E.)	Aug. 25-Sept. 10
Wallaceburg	Sept. 26
Wallacetown	Sept. 20, 21
Waterford	Sept. 27
Walford	Oct. 2, 3
Welland	Oct. 1-3
Weston	Sept. 14, 15
Wingham Centre	Sept. 25
Wheatley	Oct. 1, 2
Winston	Sept. 25, 26
Windsor	Sept. 24-27
Wingham	Oct. 9, 10
Woodstock	Sept. 19-20
Wyoming	Oct. 4, 5
Zurich	Sept. 19, 20

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CANADIAN RENEW LENS DRIVE; ENEMY IS ENCIRLED

Canucks Fought Their Way With Bombs and Bayonets, Defying the Efforts of Enemy Officers to Rally Their Men

By R. T. SMALL.
 Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 21.—Two thousand yards of German positions, west and north-west of Lens have been captured by the Canadian forces in a drive started early to-day. Three counter-attacks by the Germans met with repulse.

The fierce battle which began at dawn, continued throughout the day at close quarters, and late yesterday afternoon there was no diminution in the intensity of the struggle between the attacking Canadians and the Germans, but the Canadians have the upper hand.

The Canadians this morning fought their way forward with bombs and bayonets, and occupied important enemy defences north-west and south-west of the heart of the city, and since then the Germans have been sending in wave after wave of infantry in desperate counter attacks.

The Canadians have held strongly and the Germans have suffered very heavy casualties, as they must have expected from the nature of their counter-attack, in which no thought is given to the cost in life.

The striking feature of the battle lies in the fact that the Germans also had massed troops for a counter-attack to-day against the newly acquired Canadian positions in the north-west environs of Lens and had actually started their advance, when they were surprised by encircling the attacking Canadians in No Man's Land. Both offensives had begun at the same hour, but a heavy mist hung over the ground, and the Germans were apparently unaware

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ter of one of the most sanguinary threw themselves upon the enemy with such fierceness that the Germans were forced to withdraw, but the Canadians followed, and leaping on the parapets, hurled masses of bombs down among great numbers of troops which had been collected for the attack. The Germans tried to flee through the communication trenches, but the Canadians jumped among them with bayonets and bombs, killing many.

On the south-west the Canadians were equally successful after very heavy fighting, in which the British artillery was brought into play. The most strenuous fighting late in the day was proceeding in the centre of the line west of Lens and on a little front near the left of the north-west positions, but the whole line was a seething cauldron.

Gained Many Positions
 The Canadians have achieved their immediate object, by drawing their lines still closer about the heart of the city and their goal, unless the German counter-attacks succeed. By to-day's attack the Canadians have gained possession of many railway embankments and colliery sidings, which afford excellent positions for either offensive or defensive operations.

The Canadian assault extended from the north-west of the environs of the city to positions in the south-west suburbs, and as the Germans were already advancing to attack the new Canadian defences, the fighting quickly assumed the character of a struggle with hand bombs and bayonets, but the Canadians attacks.

LOCAL

WOUNDED
 Pte. D. Post, 13 Bowers was reported in this afternoon's list, as wounded.

CARDS FROM FRONT.
 Post cards from Sergt. Rhodes and Private Charles were received from the front. Col. H. F. Leonard this morning.

LETTER FROM FRONT.
 An interesting letter was this morning by city clerk H. Leonard from Corp. H. J. Jones Brantford with the 1st Co. Corp. Jones states that the his unit are "getting thinned moved" to other places so they are now scattered."

VISITORS BEATEN
 Four rinks of bowlers from Sydneyham Street greens, via George last evening, being the four shots.

BOWLING.
 Two rinks of bowlers from Brantford Club skipped by W. T. Henderson and W. F. son are entered in the tour at Dunville to-day. Mr. T. and a rink of Pastimes also to take part in the tour tomorrow.

NOT INSURED
 Brantford did not insure here as ronto and other Canadian city Mayor Bowley has forwarded information to William Evans verhampton, England, who killed on the 14th of June, in Brantford, and went overseas the 4th Battalion.

TRAP SHOOTING
 Seven or eight members Eagle Place Gun Club will part in the trap shooting tournament held in connection with the Exhibition, from August the September 1st. It is probable two and five men teams will be entered.

CYCLE HIT CAR
 A smash-up occurred early day afternoon on Murray street a motor-cyclist collided with a motor radial car, on Murray. The machine was badly smashed the crash, while the rider, with a shaking up and numerous scratches and bruises, though a narrow escape from thrown beneath the wheels radial car.

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