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## THE BIG DRIVE

AFTER several days of severe fighting during which we have made great gains and sustained severe casualties, we can review the big drive pretty accurately, though we cannot guess just when the last stages of the huge movement will be entered upon. The success of the first days of the offensive were indeed brilliant; but we must not be led away with the idea that similar successes are going to be a daily record. We have, in fact, been warned by British officials not to be too optimistic, but that we must exercise great patience in awaiting further developments. While the war has entered possibly upon its last stage, the Germans are yet a formidable foe, and it remains to be seen whether she will give in when she sees the inevitable staring her in the face or whether she will set her back against the wall and fight to the last ditch.

The Germans were undoubtedly surprised at the point chosen by the Allies to make their offensive, as it was generally believed that the drive when it came would come from the direction of Lille further west, and it was around this section that they had their greatest concentration of troops and artillery. The country in which the Allies are now hammering the enemy is entirely different from that around the Yser where the fighting had been going on before. The difficulties of a prolonged offensive around the Somme are great; but the army chiefs evidently know just why it was to their advantage to strike in this region.

One thing is now certain, that the great current of the war has changed, and that humanly speaking there is no power visible that can turn the current back to the old channels. We must still ourselves to the painful fact that the present offensive must involve very heavy losses. The battle must be fought to a finish, and there will doubtless be many weeks of anxiety until the issue has been decided. The supply of munitions is now ample apparently for any need. M. Hanotaux, one of France's most trusted statesmen says that the Allied production of munitions is now in full swing; and the French output surpasses all expectations. The British output goes ahead without a hitch, and from Petrograd comes the news of intense activity in the enlarged arsenals of Russia. "An iron torrent," M. Hanotaux calls the Allied output of shells, "which may deluge the Central Empires."

Hitherto, Germany has had two great advantages: First, a military system, comprising virtually a whole nation in arms, thoroughly trained, and perfectly equipped; and second, the power through strategic railways to hurl those troops hither and thither where ever most needed, thus multiply-

## PRESIDENT COAKER'S ITINERARY.

July 4.—At Catalina, Crandell's engineer arrived to survey site for marine slip and prepare plans for its construction. The site we had selected turned out to be an ideal one. The slip will be 500 tons, similar to the large slip at Hr. Grace with two cradles 70 and 90 feet. It will adjoin the ship-building yard which will greatly facilitate the work of both plants. The slip will be erected just as soon as war conditions bring prices of machinery to normal values.

July 5.—The engineer spent the day surveying site for slip. Finished cribbing for big store foundation. Woolfry now finishing breastwork before shop site; about 230 feet finished; 100 feet at north end to be constructed, which will front the salt store, making a breastwork for this season of 330 feet. Solid crib work on rock bottom, giving of most of the distance a depth of 16 to 18 feet of water. Three long wharves will protrude from this breastwork, each 100 feet long, which will be piled. The breastwork of 330 feet holds the filling in along the front of the premises, the filling in being mostly stone. The cribs being ballasted from the bottom to the level of the wharf with rock. The cribbing is 25 feet wide, with birch piles at the bottom. All are bolted together forming a solid mass of timber 330 x 25 x 25. A rock breastwork 50 feet wide and 330 long will front the main buildings at the water front. The water front buildings, along the breastwork end on, will be salt store, 100 feet; main fish store, 125 feet; coal shed, 15 feet; shop building, 60 or 300 feet; the buildings extend back about 100 feet. The whole of the erections being built on a rock bottom, no piling for foundations have been found necessary. The marine slip and ship building plant is situated at the extreme eastern end of the property which have a water frontage of about quarter of a mile. Fish scarce today. Nothing has been done with fish for a whole week owing to the effects of Friday's storm. Fish gear now in normal condition ready for what may be available to-morrow.

July 6.—Left Catalina for Greenspond at 6 a.m., moderate and foggy, with quite a lump about Cape Bonavista. Passed large number of fishing punts who hailed us, many of the men cheering as we passed through. At Greenspond we received warm welcome, bunting, guns and cannon. Inspected premises which is being altered and improved, wharf is in splendid condition, capable of accommodating the coastal steamer. Shop well stocked and large. Will take down one of the large stores and remodel the shop. Sold the dwelling house and lands

fore the Allies has been to neutralize these advantages. France was the only nation whose preparedness was complete and her speciality has been to keep the enemy stalled till the other nations could catch up. This she has done nobly. Russia has made use of the time gained to mobilize and train some of her many millions. Britain saw the enrollment of Kitchener's mighty army; and the overseas Dominions continually augmented their quota. Thus the disparity in the numbers of men has been made to disappear; and there is now no lack of munitions.

Pressure is now being brought to bear on all sides of the German front; and she has long since passed the stage of her highest efficiency. Her huge thrust at Verdun was intended to get a decision there before Russia was prepared for her big drive or before Britain was prepared for the great offensive. At Verdun the Germans are still baffled and on all sides her enemies are pouring in like a flood.

It were unwise to make any predictions; but we feel warranted in looking for a continuation of the British offensive, supported by the French till the Germans are driven out of northern France, if not also out of Belgium. If the British with their overwhelming artillery power can destroy the intricate system of trenches in one place, they can do so elsewhere. Here and there we may have slight reverses—on such a large front they must be expected—but we must gain surely and irresistibly. Our drive must ultimately become a sweep. Unless we are mistaken in envisaging the situation, the utter collapse of Germany must occur within the next few months.

to the Dominy family, which was their old home. Business increased 50 per cent. past year. Friend Wornell who is energetic and capable, is assisted by two ladies in the shop and a man outside. The stores will be painted. This is the premises we purchased from Hon. Jas. Ryan two years ago. We proceeded to Valleyfield, inspected the new store recently opened there which is adjoining the coastal wharf. The store is large, convenient and fairly well stocked, managed by Friend Spurrell. It is well patronized. The Councils of Safe Hr., Valleyfield and Pools Island erected this premises at their own cost the past winter and they deserve much credit for their interest and work. The Susu and Dundee call at the wharf, which is a fine construction erected four years ago. The outside coastal boat will have to call also as there is plenty of water. The fishery at Greenspond and Valleyfield has been poor but a little fish is now being trapped. We met Friend R. G. Winsor at Valleyfield and he accompanied us to Newtown. Capt. Wm. Davis of Safe Hr. also came along with us to Newtown. We reached Newtown wharf at dark and remained all night.

July 7.—At Newtown fishing is peculiar as what is taken is in shoal water amongst the small rocks; some traps have done fair, some fare badly; hook and line a blank. Inspected the splendid store built last year for the F.P.U. The stock is large and well looked after and the shop is equal to many of the best dry goods store at St. John's. Mr. R. G. Winsor is making a first class business man, his adaptability for business is amazing. He absolutely knew nothing about the business four years ago. Capt. Wm. Davis of Safe Hr. piloted us through the labyrinth of rocks at Newtown and amidst farewells we left for Cape Cove, having on board several lady passengers en route to Cape Cove. At Cape Cove the usual warm reception awaited us. A large number of the residents boarded our boat to see for themselves the splendid motor yacht belonging to the F.P.U. Cape Cove is the northern end of Bonavista District and no stauncher unionists exist in the district than are to be found at Cape Freels. After an hour's stay we left for Cat Hr. where flags, musketry and cheering was the order of the day. At Seal Cove and the Point large number of men, women and children turned out to receive us and our reception was typical of Cat Hr. since the F.P.U. was established. The store was inspected. Mr. Halfyard was attending to district matters, he had arrived a few hours previous by Susu. The wharf wants extensive repairs, the store will also be altered and additional space provided. It is in charge of Thos. Elliott of Change Islands. The building was sold by the Council to the Trading Co. last winter and the Trading Co. will endeavour to make it a first class store and keep it well stocked. The fishery is poor at Cat Hr. and the Strait Shore about 25 per cent. of last year's trap fishery. They got some fish early in the season but fish have been scarce lately. Mr. Garfield Parsons is the Chairman and he is doing good work and a recognized pushed. We left after three hours delay. Mr. Halfyard came on board and soon we were at Deadman's Bay, where we got information respecting possibilities of making it a harbor of refuge later on. It is quite possible to make it a safe place for schooners. The anchorage is good. Some day it will be a port of refuge, which is so badly needed along the Strait Shore for schooners plying north and south. We soon arrived at Dotting Cove and remained all night. Met crowd of men at the store. The store has been refitted which greatly improve the premises. A piece of land adjoining the government landing wharf was purchased from Mr. Jos. Cuff and plans arranged for erecting a fish store immediately, which will enable the U.T.C. to handle the fish at this rough place. We visited Musgrave Hr. and looked over possible places for a Union store. Some business premises are open to hire and purchase and it is possible the U.T.C. will soon be operating a store at Musgrave Hr.

SIR EDWARD GREY. Sir Edward Grey is an English gentleman, and therefore his unctuous speeches must not be taken literally. —Neueste Nachrichten.

REVEILLE  
BY CALCAR

WHEN one looks ahead and all round the horizon one is compelled to admit that the task of reviewing the failures of governments past and present seems endless. We have already passed over considerable ground, but looking ahead it would seem the labor had only begun. The more a person looks into it the more is one astounded that we as a people have done so little and neglected so much, wasted so much valuable time and let slip so many priceless opportunities.

The manner in which we have allowed ourselves to be imposed upon by political tricksters and brainless boobies masquerading as statesmen is in the nature of a disgrace. If our words seem too strong to you, just look around you and consider the backward state of our country to-day and may be you will agree with us.

We have a priceless heritage from our fathers, what are we doing with it? Is it necessary to ask the question? What is there in the common saying among our people, as saying that we have before alluded to, "Newfoundland is a rich little country, if she were only treated rightly." Who is it that has not heard it, but how many ever stop to consider all the simple sentence means. Who that feels at all for his native land, but feels his blood boil in sorrow and indignation at the mere mention of the words.

The words express a noble belief in one's country, a belief in her natural endowments and a faith in her ability to shine among the nations if given a chance.

What is the reason for our backwardness? We all believe in her undeveloped wealth in her great earning power. This much we admit. Then where is the trouble. Is it that her sons are not blessed with the ability which other people possess? Hardly that for where ever opportunity offers you will find Newfoundlanders more than able to hold their own. The sons of Newfoundland are demonstrating to-day on the blood soaked fields of Flanders and of France and where ever England's meteor flag is floating to the briny breeze that they possess physical courage not inferior to that of any race under the sun.

Then why is their country not on a higher plane of progressiveness? Let political sophists tell. Let the generations of pirates, who disguising their lawlessness under the cloak of respectability

business come back and confess, for they too know. Aye, pirates, corruptionists, opportunists, grabbers of all the different brands are still among us carrying on their selfish games, sacrificing, making a holocaust of our country and the welfare of her people. They wear the same mask of hypocrisy and their words are as bland as ever flowed from the oily tongue of their worthy progenitors.

They are too fond of native country to be dishonest in office, they think too much of your welfare to rob you of your inheritance. Don't you know the genius. Of course you do, and you know that approaching election time their love for you and his zeal for Terra Nova become almost pathetic in their earnestness.

What is it in him that is at fault, that this country suffers so much from the mismanagement. Is his love for you a mocking simulation, and his zeal for native country but a blind and a cheat to win your respect and confidence. If his professions of love for you and zeal for country be honest, then it must be his ability to conduct the country's affairs that is at fault. You may ask him if you are so minded to choose either horn of this dilemma, but for our part we prefer to impale him on both horns at once.

We believe that his professions of love and zeal are the purest hypocrisy, and as to his ability as a statesman or as one qualified to guide the affairs of this country we are sceptical to the last degree. There have been rare occasions in our history where men rose to the heights of statesmanship, but ability of this kind is not associated with any sham or

GLEANINGS OF  
GONE BY DAYS

JULY 18

Abraham Gallishaw, branch pilot, died, 1863.

Steamer Polaris sailed for the North Pole, in command of Capt. Hall, 1871.

John Syme first married, 1867.

Andrew C. Blackwood married, 1872.

The Belfast News Letter, of this date, refers to the arrest of four

false pretense. They shed no crocodile tears over your mishaps, for this they are too honest, but their hands are ever open and ready to assist. When they speak of the country's state it is with a voice ringing with honesty, for you may mark it in the many tones with which they voice their indignation at remembrance of their country's wrongs.

We have allowed ourselves to be carried away from the main thought with which we started out, and now find ourselves near the limit of the space allotted us. We intend to point out from this eminence the vast field of wasted opportunity that lies before us as we look out across the field of our past history, and we intend to show what yet, to our mind, could be done to retrieve the past. But it lies with ourselves if we are to do it. We must learn to think for our country; and when we do that then we hope to see a better day for poor neglected Terra Nova.

Newfoundland buyers, viz: Messrs Baird, Monroe, Moody and McDowic (on suspicion of one of them being James Stevens, the head of the Fenian organization) at Moville, Ireland; after a short explanation they were let free, 1867.

John A. Rochefort, Justice of the Peace at Ferryland, married Miss Levisconte, 1886.

J. H. Montgomery first arrived agent for New York Mutual, 1893.

Walter Grace died, 1881.

The first fire steam engine arrived, 1885.

Arthur Duder married Miss Clift, 1881.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers were engaged yesterday morning at battalion drill, and spent the afternoon at work in the barracks. The number on the roll was brought up to 2,994 by the addition of the following names:

Victor Cranford, St. John's.  
Geo. Kennedy, St. John's.  
Samuel W. LeGrow, St. John's.  
Herbert Maunders, St. John's.  
Robert Hurley, St. John's.  
Wm. Aminson, St. John's.  
M. G. O'Brien, Witless Bay.  
Jas. H. Little, Bonavista.  
Joseph Goodland, Bonavista.  
Rd. Atkins, Clarke's Beach.  
Wm. Tarrant, Botwood.  
Wm. N. Taylor, Boat Hr. Hall's Bay.

The Portia reports that the fishery along the S. W. Coast, which had been very good for a while, is now poor and has been so the past two weeks or more. The bankers have been doing very poorly of late, also.

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LABRADOR SERVICE.

S.S. "Sagona" will sail from Dry Dock Wharf at 6.00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19th, calling at Hr. Grace, Carbonear, Trinity, Catalina, King's Cove, Wesleyville, Twillingate, St. Anthony, Battle Hr. and the usual Labrador ports of call.

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