## HAMILTON DEALER SEES COAL FAMINE

Urges Greatest Care in Distribution Until Relief is Given.

to retire to the western bank of the

100,000 prisoners and 700 guns.

caused only by treachery and the appear-

ance of six or seven German divisions at

the purpose of launching a counter-

offensive after the expected repulse of

Whether Italy will now pass thru the

aster.

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

lying to the south of Toimino have had decision on the plains of Lombardy.

Isonzo. The exact reason for the forcing Italy is thus placed nearly in the same

of this retirement was the German occu- position as she was placed in in the Aus-

pation of Cividale. This town is an im- tro-Prussian war of 1867. Both the Prus-

portant junction point on the northern sians and the Italians then attacked Aus-

communications of the allies. If they had tria. The Austrians defeated the Italians,

remained east of the Isonzo after the dis- but the Prussians defeated the Austrians

aster to their second army, they would at Sadowa. The Prussians won the war

have had part of their line of retreat cut because they defeated the Austrians on

off. The retirement has given the enemy the principal front. Italy got Venetia. It Gorizia, captured by the Italians last is now the task of the allies in France year. It is not yet known whether the to win a smashing victory pretty soon.

allies have fallen back on the Carso Pla- If they capture Lille and the Flemish

teau. The Germans, however, have coast in the next few weeks, they can

reached the plains of Lombardy in the retrieve the Italian disaster. They are

north. They claim that they have taken said to have fair prospects of doing so,

The Italian defeat, it seems, after all, feat of the Germans, with the gain of a

paganda, and the Socialists had engaged fects on adjacent sections of the front.

in several attempts at a revolution. The In consequence the French carried out

disaffected troops in the second army, a successful operation on both sides of

which imitated the Russians, were proba-

bly drafted from the disturbed districts, four Villages of Aschhoop, Kippe and Ve-

and were ripe for treachery. The Italian brandesmis, and reaching the western

higher command still professes confi-

armies. The best Italian troops had been a great many strongly fortified farms.

the enemy's onset. These have now to capturing the Merckem Peninsula, two

the enemy's onset. These have now to miles south of Dixmude. On the British retire in order to make the front consection of the front, the Canadians fin-

form and to repair, if possible, the dis-

impotent as Russia for some months to A tendency has arisen to urge the

the food situation, and the allied naval ish front in Belgium. This, however, control of the Mediterranean, it is hardly owing to the condition of the ground, is

probable that she will conclude a separ- hardly feasible. The allies are now about ate peace with Austria. Such an eventu- half thru the last defensive positions of ality, however, has to be taken into ac- the Germans west of the Flanders plains

count by allied statesmen. The German When they carry the remainder of these

massed somewhere near the Adriatic for This French attack gave the Belgians

number of enemy troops to fight, but was even up matters.

## MERCKEM DISTRICT TORONTO SOLDIERS RETURN FROM WAR

OCCUPIED BY ALLIES

(Continued from Page 1).

Luyghem was the next place of importance, and here a bitter battle was staged. Luyghem is on the road which leads across the otherwise important to the control of the cont

which leads across the otherwise inpassable marshes to Dreigrachten.
This road would have furnished comrounication by which the French
could have brought up their troops,
and which was heavily defended and
barricaded with wire and other ob-

way about Luyghem and gained pos-session of this road after hard fight

Seventeen Hundred Troops Arrive at Quebec on Two Transports.

Quebec, Oct. 28.—Over 1700 returned soldiers, including some 300 officers, de-parked from two transports which docked today at this port. One of the vessels carried several hundred women and chil-dren, families of Canadian soldiers, who will settle in Canada.

The following is a list of returned men

tribution Until Relief

is Given.

Translitor. Out 24.—Therthy association will seekle in Ganada.

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owing to the steady, if slow, progress of

The allied advance in Flanders has

their chance for their first offensive ac-

tion in three years, and they took it by

acros th ereck of the Bellevue Ridge,

their arms in Flanders. A smashing de-

dropped on the Roulers station and six on the Abele airdrome and 121 lighter bombs on hostile billets east of Lens and 124 on other targets opposite the battlefront.
"As soon as it became dark our night flying squadrons continued bombing and dropped over four tons WING to a part of the Italian army France as a mass de manoeuvre for

of bombs on seven enemy airdromes and on three important railway stations. Several hits were of being disaffected and going over to emergencies. If this proceeds southward hangars and railway tracks, the enemy on the mountain front, by rail, interesting developments are sure north of Tolmino, the main Italian forces to follow. The war may well reach a lying to the south of Tolmino have had decision on the plains of Lombards. machines were very active and aggressive, making repeated attacks on our bombing machines, which, none the less, never failed to reach their "In air fighting 11 hostile machines

were throught down and seven others driven down out of control. Nine of

Success for Belgians. London, Oct. 28.—Belgian troops. ders, have occupied Merckem Penin-sula, in the neighborhood of Vyfhuyzen (two miles south of Dixmude) the war office announces. The British have improved their positions near the Ypres-Roulers railway. The an

nouncement follows: "We improved our positions slightly during the night in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway. On was not due to having such a superior considerable section of territory, would Friday night Belgian troops carried out a successful raid north of Dixmude, capturing 16 prisoners and ; Yesterday morning machine gun. an unexpected point. The Italian Gov-ernment had tolerated pro-German pro-deeply as to begin to have strategic ef-Belgian troops, acting in conjunction with the French, crossed the inunda. tions and occupied Merckem Penin-sula, in the neighborhood of Vyfhuy-

> Over 1000 Prisoners Taken. The British official report of Sat "The operations of the French north

urday night states: higher command still professes confidence in the steadiness of the principal dition to the villages, the allies carried of St. Jansbeek continued with sucdence in the steadiness of the principal dition to the villages, the allies carried cess this morning. The French troops. advancing on both sides of the Bix schocte-Dixmade road, in spite of dif iculties from floods and the heavy ground, captured the Villages of Aschhoop, Kippe and Merckem, muny farms and other strong points. A number of prisoners was taken. "On the British battle front there was great activity by both artilleries but no infantry action. The numbe the highest point in all that region. On of German prisoners captured since horrors of a revolution and invasion canthe commencement of operations yes norrors of a revolution and invasion cannot be seen at this juncture. It is not certain whether she will be rendered as progress before the Chevregny Spur.

come. Owing to the American control of speeding up of the campaign on the Brit- WILL POSTPONE ACTION TILL CALDER ARRIVES

when they carry the remainder of these submarine campaign had also had the effect of starving Italy of needed supplies.

The French Cabinet has called an emergency meeting to devise the best means of assisting Italy. If necessary, an allied army will proceed southward to attack the enemy in flank if he proceeds with his invasion. The allies are supposed to have a special army concentrated in have a special army concentrated in the enemy content of the passchendaele Ridge and the ridge south of the Menin Road, they will proceed supposed to the passchendaele Ridge and the ridge and the ridge south of the Menin Road, they will have pushed back the Germans on the flat lands. These are practically all flowed, except where they are intersected by roads making it impossible for the Germans to dig trenches in most places. It is calculated by observers that the enemy in flank if he proceeds with his invasion. The allies are supposed to have a special army concentrated in the British success to materialize fully.

When they carry the remainder of these on the Passchendaele Ridge and the ridge and the ridge south of the Menin Road, they will a proposal that the Conservatives and the winth a proposal that the Conservative executive and the winth a proposal that the Conservative and the winth a proposal that the Conser

HE TORONTO WORLD



M. K. COWAN, K.C. ent Toronto lawyer who last night.

M. K. COWAN, PROMINENT LAWYER, PASSES AWAY

Was Well Known Thruout Dominion as Counsel in Recent Freight Rates Case.

glates, and was called to the Ontario bar in 1890. He was created K.C. in 1992, and practised in Windsor for some years, doing all the Grand Trunk Railway's legal work during that time. The Governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta selected him as counsel in the investigation by the railway commission into the freight rates west of Fort William and Port Arthur. In 1896 he was elected to the house of commons for South Essex, and was re-elected in 1906, retiring in 1904. He married Clara Louise Pilkey, daughter of P. J. Pilkey. Brantford, in January, 1892. He was a member Captured by Entente.

Lon.lon, Oct. 28.—The entire Merckem Pennusula near Dixmude, has been captured by the entente forces, according to the British official composition to the British of Britis testant.

> CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY. Killed in action-Norman MacDonald

Lewis, Rosshire, Scotland. Died of wounds-T. S. Bergeron, Mas sey, Ont.; S. Cuthbert, Lindsay.

Brosumed to have died—R. Phillips, Greenfield, Ont.; T. Lawrence, Hespeler, Ont.; Lieut. A. F. R. Swinnerton, Parliament Buildings, Toronto; J. Wall, England

lament Buildings, Toronto; J. Wall, England.

Wounded—H. McNutt, Truro, N. S.; B. Francis, St. John, N. B.; I. Lebel, Brunswick, Maine; H. C. Wilson, Peterboro; L. Skelton, Carman; H. Hurman, Calder, Sask.; Lance-Corp. H. Yearley, West Vancouver; Sergt. C. G. Fletcher, London, Ont.; Lieut. W. Mountford, M. C., Norwood, Man.; Lieut. Percy John Philipott, Koules, Sask.; Capt. (acting Major, Richard Walter Gyles, M. C., Virden, Man.; Lieut. George G. Raley, Sardis, B. C.; H. A. Sipprell, Hartland, N. B. III—W. Donaldson, Boston, Mass.; Lieut. Alex. George Donald, Lyonsbrook, N. S.; Lance-Sergt J. MacDougalf Forbes, England; J. Savege, Welland.

Reported wounded in error—R. W. Stark, Ashern, Man.

SERVICES. Kilied in action—Staff Sergt. S. L. Marshall, Montreal.
Died of wounds—G. Mita, Italy.
Wounded—A. Blanden Redfield, North
Battleford, Sask.; H. Hayes, Maidstone
Ont.; J. F. McLellan, Tatamagouche, N.
S.; A. Commanda, Beaucage, Ont.; C.
E. Lough, England; G. McKinnell, Na
Naimo, B. C.

Gassed-F. Walmsley, London, Ont. ENGINEERS. Presumed to have died—Act.-Second Corp. C. E. Surphils, Victoria, B. C. Wounded and gassed—Lance-Corp G. Duncan, Scotland.

ARTILLERY. Died of wounds Dvr. W. Shearer,

Scotland.

Acc dentally killed—Gnr. A. Burgess,
England; Act.-Bomb. F. C. Fraser, Kingston.
Wounded—Gnr. W. H. McSpadden, Colorado Springs, Col.; Gnr. A. E. Kimbling, England.

Killed in action—M. Kubiac, Detroit; G. P. Stuart, Williamstown, Ont.; W. Thomas, Hamilton; M. Donlevy, Pembroke, Ont.; J. L. Leterski, Renfrew, Ont.

Jied of woulds—J. Johnston, Port Arthur, Ont.; J. Merlet, Estevan, Sask.

Died while prisoner—T. S. Robson,
Smithers, B. C.

Presumed to have died—Lance-Corp. H. Presumed to have died—Lance-Corp. H. Frew, Verdun, Que.; Corp. B. Inch., Burt's Corners. N. B.; E. H. Eldred, Clanwilliam. Man.; L. Harmston, Victoria, B. C. M. Sing, Le. Leved drowned—Sergt. L. Wilson, Spring Hill Mines, N. S. Wounded—Lance-Corp. G. F. Killick, England; Staff Capt. Edward Oliver Carew Martin, Victoria, B. C.; F. W. Smith. Hampton Station, N. B.; A. W. Atkins, Soperton, Ont.; 139750 V. Coates, 6 Badgerow avenue, Toronto; W. Thomas, England; C. Stebbing, Nanaimo, B. C.; W. A. Harvey, Simcoe, Ont.; A. Tremblay, St. Joseph de Sorel, Que.; C. J. Hutchins, St. John, N. B.

MOUNTED RIFLES. Died-Lance-Corp. W. Partington, Ioutreal. Wounded-Lieut. Norman V. Waddell,

ARTILLERY. Died of wounds—Act.-Bomb. T. James, England: Dvr Samuel R. Booth, Eng-land.
Wounded—Lieut. Allan George Leslie, Oven Sound; Lieut. John James Camp-bell, Galt

SERVICES. Wounded—W. S. McElroy, Holmfield, Man.: 778341 G. H. Yeomans, 24 Poucher street, Toronto: 779013 L. Fenwick, 2155 Yonge street, Toronto.

HON. A. K. MACLEAN AT HALIFAX. Halifax, Oct. 28.-Hon. A. K. Maclean arrived in Halifax on Saturday evening. He expects to be here for several days, and it is understood his visit is chiefly

TORONTO COAL BOAT AND MASTER LOST

Aloha Dashed to Pieces in WAS INTERPRETER TO Terrific Storm on Lake Near Kingston.

Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, Oct. 28.—One life was lost, while four other members of the crew had a most thrilling esc. pe, when the coal barge Aloha, owned by P. Milne and Kerr, coal dealers, Toronto, foundered in a storm abreast of Nane Mile Point and nine miles from this city at 6.30 o'clock this morning. The barge was being towed from Erie, Pa., to Kingston, with 925 tons of coal for the Can dian Locomotive Works by the steamer C. W. Chamberlain, of Toronto. Capt. Daniel McVicar of Deseronto lost his life, and the other members of the crew who were saved are Kingston, Oct. 28.—One life was lost, bers of the crew who were saved are John Vale, of Kingston, mate; Fred-crick Hunt, of Wiarten, Ont., he'msman; Clarence Mills, Kingston, deck hand; and Cheffis, of Belleville, cook.

It was a southwesterly cale, and in

hand; and Chellis, of Belleville, cook.

It was a southwesterly gale, and in the early morning hours the barge spring a leak. The gale swelled with great rapidity, and one big blow swept away the lifeboat on the barge. Water went clear over the decks, and soon the final crash came and the vessel went to pieces. Attired in life preservers, the members of the crew were

home, 95 Castle Frank road, at 11.30
last night, He had been ill for some
little time as a result of overwork.

Mr. Cowan was a member of the
firm of Beatty, Blackstock, Fasken,
Cowan and Chadwick, barristers and
solicitors. Toronto. He was born in
Blythewood, Ontario, in 1863, and was
the son of Walter Cowan of Leaming-Blythewood, Ontario, in 1863, and was the son of Walter Cowan of Leamington, Ontario. He was educated in the Brantford and Collingwood collegiates, and was called to the Ontario. He was called to the Ontario Hunt, after struggling in the water a leave to 1890. The was areated KC. in few minutes, sol. on ton of the cabin.

Corbett's undertaking parfors in Kingston tonight and tomorrow will be forwarded to his late home in De-

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FRENCH PUSH ON **OVER SHELL-PITS** 

(Continued from Page 1)

grenades, rifle ammunition, entrenchng tools, and four or five days' ra-tions to enable them to hold out when an objective has been occupied. How the troops fulfilled the task set for them under such conditions, and with a determined enemy opposing. can only be described as marvelous. Citizens' Committee Recognized as Power However, they did not hesitate when However, they did not hesitate when

Every soldier with whom the correspondent spoke was full of admiration for the work of the gunners, which opened the way for their great which opened the way for their great success. Fort Malmaison itself shows signs of the accuracy of the French cannon fire. It has been plerced at many places, from roof to foundation, by 16-inch shells. As has been related, the fort had been dismantled long before the war and often was used as a target for experiments with high explosive shells. The ruins had been sold to a building contractor on condition that he use the stonework in the construction of a barracks in a nearby town, and he already had begun to remove the stone when hostilities were opened. One thing which elicited praise from the infantrymen was the rapidity with which ammunition supplies were brought to them after the attack. The American amfulance did herale work in the construction and the last couple of days, and it makes it rather nasty, especially when we are cutside all the time." Pie. Row-listing for overseas, was well known and popular in the section.

New Elevator Puts Unionville Un As Big after the attack. The American amtulance did heroic work in connection with the fighting.

Sector Remarkably Quiet.

Today this sector is remarkably quiet, the French having succeeded in silencing most of the German batteries. The thers were busy resisting a French advance farther along.

The correspondent walked along the historic Chemin des Dames for some distance. It bears no semblance now to a practicable thorofare, and without previous knowledge of its existence it would be hard to believe that it ever was there. Many caverns are scattered about. They have not yet been examined, but it seems certain that many Germans are lying under their broken ruins, as statements by trisoners show that they were extensively used as shollow. risoners show that they were extensively used as shelters for reserves.

The correspondent spoke with several groups of prisoners, all of whom work of Bert Kennedy, Agincourt, and appeared to be very young. One of Clarke Young, the latter of whom lives

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

CAPTAIN BAIRNSFATHER

Theogene Cloude, Belgian Soldier, Asks to Join Earlscourt Branch, G.W.V.A.

C Company, Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, secured a new memoer with an interesting history thru their secretary, Sergt, Major Gustay, on Saturday. The returned hero is a Belgian and a native of Liege, named Theogene Cloude, who joined the forces in that own on Aug. 5, 1914, and became interpreter to the 7th and 12th Divisions of the Belgian army. These two divisions were side by side with the first Canadian contingent, and Mr. Cloude acted as interpreter for Col. McDonald and Capt. Bairnsfather, the well-known cartoonist he was wounded in action three times in engagements in Flanders, and eventually came to New York, where he enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps, and was drafted to Toronto, where he is now, pending his discharge as unfit for further service.

He lives with his parents at 1089 Dufferin street, Earlscourt, and will probably be attached to the Earlscourt branch G.W.V.A. Mr. Cloude is 31 years of age and single. sociation of Canada, secured a new mem

Thousand Children at One Earlscourt Sunday School

Earlscourt Youth Has Been Withdray

Pte. T. Melbourne, son of Mrs. J. Melborne, Holmsdale Crescent, North Earlscourt, enlisted for overseas at the commencement of the war at the age of 14 years, and has been in the trenches until recently, when he was withdrawn from the firing line and attached to the Canadian Base Depot at Etaples, where he will remain until he reaches the age of 19 years. This news was contained in a letter received by Mrs. Melbourne from the department of militta and defence, Ottawa. Mrs. Melbourne had recently written an appeal to His Majesty for the return of her son to Canada, pleading that the boy had done his bit and asking that he be placed on home duty in Canada, or failing this that he be granted furlough.

TELLS OF VIMY RIDGE.

In point of interest and attendance the patriotic lecture given in Central Presbyterian Church, Unionville, by Rev. George P. Duncan of Port Credit on Friday night, has seldom, if ever, been surpassed. Rev. Mr. Duncan, a former pastor of the village, has only recently returned from the front, where one son, Gorgon, was killed and another wounded, and his description of Vimy Ridge and other battle scenes thru which he passed were

Teachers and Senior Girls Carry Out Successful Function. Under the auspices of the teaching staff and senior girls of Earlscourt School. North Dufferin street, a fancy fair and bazaar was held on Saturday last, for the benefit of the old boys of the school overseas. The rooms were tastefully decorated with old flags and busting and the various staffs were stocked with fancy work and comforts, home-maide ples and cakes, made by the pupils and teachers. A brisk sale was conducted, and a large gathering of the parents and friends were present thruout the proceedings. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of Christmas cheer to be sent to the trenches.

EFFECTIVE DEALING.

However, they did not hesitate when the moment for the advance came, and, as told in previous despatches, they did even more than was asked of them. The Zouaves, who captured the fort, were still in that vicinity when the correspondent was there today. They had not eaten a warm meal since the oftensive began, but, despite privations, they were full of cheer and ready to go on, according to the traditions of this famous regiment, which has fought on every part of the front where the flighting has been severest.

Figure 8 soldier with whom the correspondent for the advance came, and a study of the Earls-court and northwestern sections of the commissioner Government in the cal situation, and the court and northwestern sections of the manuer in which Fuel Commissioner C. A. Magrath handled the difficult problem The clitzens' committee, of Earls-court, also have come in for a large measure of praise from the residents, not only of Earlscourt, but other sections of the city. "Your committee were the only association to grapple effectively with the difficulty and you are deserving of the thanks of the city at large," said a prominent merchant in Earlscourt to President George R. Ellis yesterday.

New Elevator Puts Unionville Up As Big Grain Centre.

AGINCOURT PLOWMEN.

these prisoners asserted that many boys just past 16 years of age had enlisted as volunteers, and the appearances of some of the prisoners confirmed this statement.

He invested his money as short distance south, in winning first and second prizes at the great Brantford plowing match on Thursday in competition with the world, has given rise to the as his mother, brother, as his mother, brother, in winning first and second prizes at the great Brantford plowing match on Thursday in competition with the world, has given rise to the liveliest satisfaction in Markham and Scarboro. The team with which Mr. Kenalderman in London, On



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- SHANNING THE PLUMBER







GEORGE FITZPATRICK. YORK COUNTY PIONES

street, on the York townline a

Mr. Fitzpatrick is survived by ally of three daughters and two simes. John Hunter of the York tine; Mrs. Johnson of Dublin, E County, and one daughter at homesons, Charlie and William, live of homestead and adjoining farms. Fitzpatrick was prominently with the Zion Presbyterian his remains will be interred ily plot there on Tuesday at ily plot there on Tuesday afternoon. The late George Fitzpatrick was of the few remaining nioneers on York townline, a fine type of the st honorable men who made the control what it is today. He lived to see passing of many of his old neighlike the late Samuel Martin. Robiter. Mark Barker. Leslie Armstrong William and James Maginn. About only one of his former neighbors living is Mark Watson.

HOMING ASSOCIATION.

Under the auspices of the Great ern Homing Association, two in open races were recently held, ener. In both races W. H. Tro Becured first place, and also second Kitchener race. The bird made a away from Acton and won from the competitors by the large marsin o

competitors by the large margin of minutes.

Other successful contestants was Acton—Second and third, J. W. fourth, J. Henney; fifth, W. Foster, sixth, J. Latchford.

Kitchener—Third, J. Latchford, fourth, W. Walker.

HUNTERS GET READY.

the difficulty and you are deserving of the thanks of the city at large," said a prominent merchant in Earlscourt to President George R. Ellis yesterday.

LETTER FROM TRENCHES.

Former Earlscourt Bank Teller Describes His Experiences.

In a letter to a friend in Earlscourt, on and two or three others.

THREE BEREAVEMENTS.

residents of the Earlscourt of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pook, 183 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pook, 13s nue, who have been bereaved of their ten children within the months. The first to be call their eldest son, Pte. Robert E. F., who was killed in action front about two months ago. was their daughter. Agnes, who died from diphtheria on lest, and yesterday their son.

PLATOON COMMANDER ILL Platoon Sgt. Comrade Chas. T. Platoon Sgt. Company. Earls.
No. 2 Platoon, C Company, Earls.
Branch. G.W.V. Association is at
ent confined to his home suffering
a severe attack of rheumatism.
His strenuous efforts in come
with the organization of the Earls.
branch it is said are in a great

"JAKE" SAUNDERS DEAD

J. S. Saunders, 314 Wright better known as "Jake," died night after a few days' illness. born in London, Ont., and besthere as a newsboy. He later a commercial traveler and years represented fancy ways a lover of horses he seen on the race-tracks and became a book-maker, grand circuit, and was one of known among patrons, A fer ago he made a big haul at S winning about \$70,000 on that of the state of the real estate, and amassed wealth. His wife and one