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### FRENCH SEIZE WOODS IN SOLIENT FOE RETREATING FROM DOBRUDJA

After Twelve Days' Battle With Bulgarians and Russians in Which Enormous Losses Were Suffered—Serbs Drive on Bulgarians—Strategic Value of Combles—Four Thousand Prisoners Taken—British Consolidate New Positions.

#### BRITISH TOOK 4000 PRISONERS; CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—General Haig reports that the attacks by the British yesterday were carried out most brilliantly. The British during the past 48 hours have taken about four thousand prisoners. The new positions are being consolidated.

#### FRENCH SEIZE WOOD IN SALIENT.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The French War Office announces that the French forces have struck at the southernmost point of the German line from Thiepval east of Verdunville, capturing a strongly defended wood which marked a salient. The Germans have made no attempt to recapture the positions taken by the French.

#### RUMANIANS ROUT TEUTONS AFTER 12 DAYS' BATTLE.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A Bucharest despatch confirms the reports of a decisive victory for the Rumanian-Russian forces on the Dobrudja front, the whole line of the German-Bulgarian forces in Dobrudja have retreated in disorder after a twelve days' battle after suffering heavy losses.

#### GREEK TROOPS JOIN REVOLUTIONISTS.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Wholesale defections from the Greek army are reported in Athens despatches today. Practically every garrison in old Greece is declared to have joined the revolutionary movement.

#### SERBS BEAT OFF BULGARIAN ATTACKS.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Serbians have it is officially announced repulsed three violent Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakalan heights.

#### NO GENERAL WALK-OUT BY UNION MEN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—No general walk-out by union men was apparent in support of the striking car men this morning and the situation here is reported to be quiet.

#### BEAUMONT HOME DESTROYED.

QUEBEC, Sept. 27.—The home under Monsignor Guscay at Beaumont below Quebec was destroyed by fire early today. Upwards of 200 children and elderly persons were in the building at the time. Some are reported to have perished.

#### CORP. TOM VANCE.



One of Belleville's Heroes Who Gave His Life for the Great Cause.

We are pleased to reproduce a photo-engraving of Corporal Thomas Vance, son of William Vance of Concession, who surrendered his life in order that freedom might live. "Some-where in France," on Tuesday, August 1st. From The Daily Ontario of Aug. 21 we copy the following report of how he died gallantly fighting the enemies of his country.—

"Corporal Vance enlisted as a private with the Fifteenth Battalion at Belleville at the outbreak of the war. He was then serving as a section man with the C.N.R. on the section immediately west of this city and made it his home with his parents who then resided at Jones' Creek, Front of Sidney.

He proceeded overseas with the 1st contingent and took part in the great battle of Langemarck where he received a dangerous wound, a rifle bullet passing through his hips. From this injury he lay in hospital at Shorncliffe for eight months.

During his stay in England he was advanced to the office of corporal and made one of the military police at Shorncliffe camp.

He returned to the front and about a year after receiving his first wound he had another hairbreadth escape

from instant death. A bursting shell completely buried him under the earth but his companions rescued him in time to prevent suffocation. From shell-shock he subsequently spent ten days at the base hospital.

Again he returned to the front and passed through the great battle of Ypres in the early days of June. He was right near his special friend and companion Walter Craig when the latter was killed on June 4th. He subsequently wrote letters to the friends of Pte. Craig telling how that gallant young soldier came to his end.

Corporal Vance was very popular with his fellow warriors. Of him Sergt. Gibson said:

"No better soldier ever left Belleville than Tom Vance. He was every inch a soldier and a man."

He is survived by his parents who reside at Concession, three brothers, William of the Belleville waterworks, Leo of the 156th at Barrielfield and Everett on the farm at Concession and three sisters, Mrs. R. Hulme, Galt; Mrs. Warner Wood, Coe Hill and Miss Edna at home. He is also survived by a half-brother and half-sister, John of Detroit, and Mrs. Perry Simmons Actinolite.

Mr. Hiram Vance, Murney Street, is an uncle and Mr. John Coiden of the waterworks department, is a first cousin of the deceased.

He was 26 years of age and a man of fine appearance and magnificent physique.

Lieut. A. D. Anderson, 184th Battalion, Winnipeg, left yesterday for Ottawa after spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. C. M. Hall, before leaving for overseas service.

Mrs. T. C. Lapp left today noon for Merrickville to see her brother, Pte. C. R. Watts, of the Cameron Highlanders, Winnipeg, who is home on his last leave.

Mr. J. Stewart Carstairs, B.A., a former principal of Stirling High School, and later organizer for the Dominion Conservation party in Ontario, has enlisted in a Toronto regiment.

### DIED ON THE FIELD OF HONOR

Another Belleville Boy, William Post, Was Killed in Great Somme Drive.

Another Belleville boy has paid the supreme price, Lance-Corporal William Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Post of this city. He was killed in action in the great Somme drive on September 11th. The message came this morning in a telegram from Ottawa, and the Rev. Venérable Archdeacon Beauchamp, of St. Thomas' Church, broke the news to the deceased soldier's young widow, who lives on South George street.

William Post is another of the gallant 518 C. M. H. men who have been so badly cut up in the many engagements. He enlisted in Belleville a year ago and with him went his brother Bert, who was wounded a few months ago. He was transferred to an infantry unit and went to France a considerable time since.

In still life the late William Post was at one time an employee of the Rolling Mills. At the time of his enlistment he worked for Gilbert's Bakery. He was 31 years of age.

Mrs. Post, who is a daughter of Mr. Angus Dumaine, is left with three small children, the youngest a baby. Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Post, and family who live on Front street.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved in their sad loss.

#### KILLED IN ACTION.

Gravelier P. A. Lockwood, Ottawa, Andrew Field, Springbrook, Wounded.

Pte. J. M. Lalor, Queensboro; Pte. G. A. Lundson, Newcastle; Pte. W. K. Lutz, Sharbot Lake; Pte. G. White, Port Hope; Pte. H. F. Hanna, Campbellford; Pte. S. Henge, Springbrook; Pte. F. Garrod, Newcastle; Major A. E. Brewster, Toronto; Pte. Joe W. Wharton, Hamilton.

#### PROPERTY SOLD.

The executors of the estate have sold the property on the corner of Commercial and Warehouse Streets, belonging to the estate of the late John Johnston, public school inspector for South Hastings. A gentleman in Trenton was the purchaser. We are informed that it is the intention of the latter to erect three dwellings on the lots bordering on Commercial street.

#### MAMMOTH MELON.

The thanks of the editor are due to Mr. George A. Ketcheson, of Sidney, for a gift of a mammoth melon of the Montreal Nutmeg variety. It is much larger than any we have seen in the stores or at the local fairs. The quality is of the highest excellence.

#### DESSERTERS BEFORE COLONEL.

Two Belleville Soldiers Get Terms For Deserting 155th.

Col. Hunter, P. M., of Kingston, was a busy man yesterday morning when four soldiers appeared on parade before the ex-O.C. 47th (Frontenac) Regiment. Two of the men, Private Leonard Clark and Earl Dinsmore of the 155th Battalion, Belleville, were called on to explain why they had taken unto themselves the clothes belonging to two marines of a local boat which was moored here Sunday and left their uniforms behind a freight car in the C. P. R. yards. The men failed to give a good answer to the volley of questions machine-gunned at them by the colonel and were sent away to jail for five months and twenty days, but not until the colonel had told them in his own copyrighted style what he thought of them. If the colonel had really told them all he thought it might have been worse but owing to the presence of ladies in the chamber he restrained himself.

#### TRAMP PROWLING ABOUT.

The police had a run over to Grove street at one fifty o'clock this morning, for a tramp had been prowling around a residence. He was gone when the policeman arrived on the scene.

Capt. P. H. Wills, 155th Battalion is in town today.

### LOCAL ARREST: MURDER SEQUEL

Eugene Collins Questioned By Detroit Police on Slaying.

The Detroit police are questioning Eugene A. Collins, 43, who was arrested last Saturday in Belleville, in connection with the slaying of August Diebel, a Detroit saloon-keeper on February 1st.

Collins' wife informed the police it is alleged that he boasted to her that he had two other men who had killed Diebel. The prisoner absconded his wife last August, and it was when she was reporting her husband's desertion that she told of the slaying.

Collins was arrested here on charges of wife desertion and was extradition going to Detroit with a detainer.

#### THERE IS SURELY WORK FOR YOU.

Time—Annie Laurie.

The harvest now is ready  
The plowmen are busy  
And the Master calls for gleaners  
There is so much work to do  
There is so much work to do  
And the Master calls for you  
To go labor in His vineyard  
There is surely work for you.

If you cannot be a worker  
In a far and distant land,  
You can help to send some other  
You can lend a helping hand,  
And the Master calls for you  
To go labor in His vineyard,  
There is surely work for you.

If you can't give gold or silver,  
There is something you can do,  
You can cheer the sad and lonely  
And pray for those who go,  
And the Master calls for you,  
To go labor in His vineyard,  
There is surely work for you.

For a lonely soul or orphan,  
You can help some soul to heaven  
Just keep helping all the while,  
And the Master calls for you,  
To go labor in His vineyard,  
There is surely work for you.

—Mrs. Geo. W. Fox, Allentonville, Ont.

#### SPIRIT OF GERMANS HAS BEEN BROKEN.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—A semi-official account of the battle of the Somme from its beginning (July 1) and not including the fighting since Sunday, appearing in the Bulletin des Armes, says that the French have conquered 180 square kilometres (about seventy square miles) of territory, captured 30,000 unwounded prisoners, removed 4,505 wounded, and taken 144 cannon, most of them of heavy calibre, 500 machine guns and other material.

It is pointed out that the allies have broken the spirit of the Germans, definitely deprived the enemy of an initiative and turned it in their own favor. Since the opening of the battle, the account says, the Germans have thrown into the battle sixty-seven new divisions and seventeen battalions, of which thirty-four divisions were on the British front, and thirty-three divisions, with the seventeen battalions, were on the French front.

#### NEXT TRIP OF 155TH OVERSEAS.

Belleville residents have somewhere got the idea that the 155th Battalion may come back there for the winter months, but the idea is ridiculed in military circles. The 155th Battalion did splendidly when inspected by Gen. Lessard, and he gave a very direct hint that the next trip of the 155th would be overseas. Belleville had better make the necessary arrangements for trying to recruit, if possible, an equal to Col. Adams' command.—Kingston Whig.

#### DIED.

FOWERS—In Belleville, at the family residence, 27 Benjamin street, Nathan Bowers, aged 68 years, 9 months.

Miss M. E. Griffin, Modiste, has returned from New York where she has been in attendance at the Exhibition of Parisian Modiste. Her establishment is at 280 1-3, Front street, where she will be pleased to meet her customers.

### GERMAN STRONGHOLDS FALL BEFORE ASSAULTS OF ALLIES

Combles Won by Joint Attack—British Take Thiepval—Three Thousand Prisoners Already Reported and British Say They Are Still Coming In—Vast Quantities of Supplies and More Than 100 Machine Guns Fall to the Victors—Combles Fall of German Corpses.

#### LONDON, Sept. 27.—Combles and Thiepval fell before the allied onslaughts yesterday.

These strongholds of the German line north of the Somme have resisted every attack for the last month. But in the new sweep that has carried the Entente forces beyond the enemy's first systems of defence they were forced to yield.

Combles, the key to the Bapaume-Peronne line, was won in a joint attack. While the British moved into the town from the north, storming the last of the battered defenses, the French advanced from the south. A day of furious combat followed and at its close the Germans surrendered.

Thiepval, a bastion of the front lying south of Bapaume, was carried by Haig's troops in the afternoon in a swift thrust that took them over a high ridge beyond and into the strongly fortified Hohenzollern redoubt to the east. Two other villages were seized in the attack. Gueudecourt was taken by the British, and the conquest of Fregicourt was completed by the French who also took a wood east of the St. Vaast Forest. These lay in the path of the allied drive eastward, which purposes to force a wedge between Bapaume and flank the German positions on the Bapaume plateau.

In the renewed offensive the allied troops have taken more than 3,000 prisoners up to the afternoon reports. A vast store of supplies and ammunition which the Germans had not time to withdraw was captured in underground passages in Combles.

Thus the allied strokes are again hammering east and north. The capture of Combles opens the way for a further advance over the national highway from Peronne to Bapaume, while the seizure of Thiepval clears the path for a British blow up the Albert-Bapaume road, in a direct push northwest. The drive for Bapaume now probably will take on two phases. The first will be a thrust eastward, an attempt to turn the German positions. The second will be a thrust northward. Between these the Germans would be squeezed out, just as they were squeezed out of other villages in the Picardy offensive.

In the move eastward the French made additional progress today. By the capture of three more villages, including the Bois St. Vaast, two miles east of Combles, they are now well over the national highway, and it has become correspondingly easier for them to forge forward. Farther south Mt. St. Quentin is seriously threatened by Foch's advance. The seizure of positions east of the Bethune road makes it possible for the French to flank the German positions at this height, which is the key to Peronne. Both Bapaume and Peronne are now almost within the allied grasp.

The fate of Combles was sealed a week ago when Ginchy fell. The final advance was taken yesterday when the British and the French moved forward in an encircling movement. That advance, by cutting the last roads from the fortress, bagged the Germans within it.

British progress on the north should not be faster, with a corresponding advantage to the French south of the river. By holding Combles the Germans were able to menace both allied armies on the flank, thus hampering greatly the widening of the gap they forced in the Peronne-Bapaume road.

The Germans are engaged once more in constructing hastily new trenches beyond the national highway. Their first system has been destroyed completely and they are forced now to improvise what trench works they can. A further retreat seems almost inevitable.

Air fighting on the western front continues on an ever-increasing scale. The allies' supremacy in this fighting has been invaluable during the recent thrust. War planes dropped tons of bombs behind the German lines, while scouts and observers were able to report every movement of the German troops.

Before the war Combles had a population of 3,000 and contained a number of fine buildings and homes. But the shelling of the last few days, described as unprecedented in the Picardy battle, had practically destroyed the whole town.

Berlin admits an extensive allied advance. "But," says the official statement issued at Grand Headquarters, "before all, we must think of our heroic troops who faced the united Anglo-French principal forces and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industry prepared during many months."

The German capital is grave under the strain of the repeated powerful blows of the allies, not only in the west but on all fronts, according to despatches reaching here, but finds relief in the reviews of military critics, who point out that although the French and British launched their utmost effort in an effort to break through the German front, the lines held, although forced to fall back at points.

EARLY MORNING FIRE. house in flames: He sent in an alarm Fire at about one o'clock this morning practically destroyed the house which was badly gutted dwelling in the rear of the Thompson Furniture Company's factory. Lucas family had gone away yesterday and had not returned. It is believed that there was about \$1000 insurance on the contents. The house Lucas, and owned by the Thompson Company, was awakened about 11:45 by the report of two explosions. Her husband went to investigate and found the Lucas quite slowly.

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