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THE SITUATION.

The big German offensive on the Western front continues against the British lines and Haig's men have had to yield ground, but there is not the slightest cause for pessimism. As General Smith-Dorrien remarks nothing more has happened than might have been expected, and the commander-in-chief is also satisfied and full of confidence. Hundreds of thousands of men have been hurled at the British in massed formation, and a terrible toll of casualties has been inflicted on the foe—300,000 was the estimate this morning—but the lines, although battered, have not been broken. There has been a falling back to prepared positions and according to the Berlin version this has taken place for a distance of forty-five miles to a varying depth of from three to four fourteen miles. For the Kaiser under such circumstances to make the blatant announcement that the battle has been won is manifestly ridiculous. The facts do not begin to warrant any such claim and on top of that he has failed to appreciate the doggedness and the determination of the sons of the Empire. It is asserted that a large majority of the assailants only went into the fray with two days' rations and it is certain that they are getting far away from supply bases and that their communications are becoming increasingly difficult. There is always a limit to the rate and sustained force of such an onrush and when they are finally held, as they will be, the beginning of the end will have been reached with regard to their last desperate effort to bring matters into such shape as to attain peace on their own terms. No matter what they have achieved in Russia or elsewhere they must attain a mastery on the Western front or else their cause is gone and that mastery they will never achieve.

It was announced in last night's despatches that some of the foe had succeeded in crossing the Somme, but over the Courier leased wire to-day there comes the statement that they have been driven back again. It is also announced that the French have taken over a portion of the British lines and that the struggle has been fiercely resumed at other points. There is a rumor current that the French front will next be attacked in force, but the Hun is able to find his present job altogether too strenuous for much of that.

Whether Hindenburg's plan is to strike for the Channel ports or Paris is not yet clear. In the latter city a great deal of interest has been aroused over shells dropped in the city from a gun placed 74 miles distant. The missiles must be of the torpedo variety.

THE FOOD FIRING LINE

All of us who are not at the front can help with the above. It is vitally important that the necessary food should go forward to the brave men who are so heroically struggling on the battle field, and we must all do our share to help meet that need.

The heart of the problem is farm labor, and without more of that the food cannot be produced.

The call is clear and insistent, the response should be wholehearted and unreserved. Canada has the area and the workers are now the prime essential.

Think out what you can do to help both in the matter of work and food saving.

SON SUCCEEDS THE FATHER.

On Saturday a bye-election took place in Waterford to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalists.

The contestants were his son Captain William Redmond and Dr. White, Sinn Féin.

The fight was marked by some serious scenes and very great interest centred in the outcome, Redmond proving the victor by a majority of 479.

Joseph Devlin said that the result was a blow for the honor of Ireland and Capt. Redmond expressed the opinion that a triumph had been scored for a policy of sanity and common sense in the affairs of the Emerald Isle.

Both speakers undoubtedly voiced correct views. The victory of Redmond is one of the best pieces of news which has come from Ireland in a long while.

BRITISH REPULSE

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Continued from Page One for two hours. Telling of the thrilling exploit of Leicester shire troops, the correspondent says: "Persiers was held for a time by two companies of Leicester shires assisted by two tanks. The enemy kept pressing them back, however, and no company was completely cut off. Instead of surrendering, they held to the village until only a few men were left. Then the surviving officer led them in a charge through two lines of Germans and they fought their way back to our main body."

HEAVY FIRING. London, March 25.—Extremely heavy firing from the direction of Flanders was heard all last night along the Kentish coast, according to the Central News. The heavy concentrations shook the houses. The firing appeared to be at different points over a wide area, guns of all calibres apparently being in action. There were also violent explosions.

AMSTERDAM, March 25.—Emperor William, at German headquarters on Sunday, according to an official announcement at Berlin, conferred the Iron Cross with gold rays on Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the Grand Cross of the Order of Iron Cross on General von Ludendorff. The emperor also gave various decorations to departmental chiefs, along with a signed photograph with the date of the battle, March 21-23.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Rome, March 25.—There has been remarkable aerial activity over the lines on the Italian front, the war office announced to-day. Eight enemy machines were brought down. There has been a lively artillery battle at various places between Lake Garda and the Brenita. Italian airplanes bombed railway lines in the Lagarina valley and the aviation grounds on the Livenza.

REUSS PRINCE KILLED

London, March 25.—Prince Henry of Reuss, head of the younger branch of the Reuss family, has been killed in the fighting on the western front, according to a Central News dispatch, quoting advice received from Berlin. Prince Henry XXVII was the head of the younger branch of the house of Reuss. He was born in 1863 and succeeded his father, Prince Henry XIV, as head of the principality upon the latter's death in 1913. He was a general in the Prussian cavalry. Besides reigning in his own right as head of the younger branch of the Reuss family, he had acted as regent since October, 1908 of the principality of the elder branch of the house.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, March 25.—Cattle receipts 25,000; market, weak; Beavers, \$9.50 to \$14.40; Stockers-Feeders, \$7.90 to \$11.75; Cows-Heifers, \$7.10 to \$12.00; Calves, \$10.50 to \$16.00.

Hog receipts—77,000; market, slow; Light, \$17.10 to \$17.75; mixed, \$16.75 to \$17.70; heavy, \$16.15 to \$17.40; Pigs, \$12.75 to \$16.50; Bulk of Sales, \$17.15 to \$17.60.

Sheep, receipts—18,000. Market, weak; sheep, \$11.00 to \$15.00; Lambs, native, \$14.50 to \$18.55.

NEWS NOTES

William Flood, at Junetown, near Brockville, is putting in a butter-making plant and remodeling his cheese factory.

New Brunswick Legislature approved of the extension of the franchise to women.

Spring work has commenced on the farms in Southern Saskatchewan, the earliest in seven years.

The daylight saving bill will likely take effect the same time as in the United States—last Sunday in March and last in October.

Miss Nellie McLaren, Guelph, on a step ladder removing curtains, had her backbones, wrist and hand injured when she overbalanced, upsetting the ladder. No one was near her.

Banks, telegraph, express and railway companies are all included in the income tax proposals which Edmonton is preparing to ask the Government to embody in the city charter as a war measure.

Lechbridge has a serious housing problem this year if present indications mean anything.

Idea that prohibition means less policemen is upset by Alberta Social Service League asking for the appointment of a larger provincial force solely for suppression of the liquor traffic, as it is claimed the Liquor Act had been a failure under an inadequate force.

WILSON TO HAIG.

Washington, March 25.—President Wilson to-day cabled Field Marshal Smuts, who is in command of the British forces in the Western front, congratulating him on the British stand against the German offensive and predicting a final Allied victory. The President's message read: "May I not express to you my warm admiration of the splendid steadfastness and valor with which your troops have withstood the German onset and the perfect confidence all Americans feel that you will win a secure and final victory."

FLIGHT LT. W. A. MOYLE MISSING

Paris Officer, Formerly of 215th Battalion, in Casualty List

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

(From our Own Correspondent) Paris, March 25.—A pleasant event took place at the Wheeler Needle Works last week, when Mrs. Frank Hayes (nee Besse Adams) was presented with a handsome set of flat silverware by her fellow employees. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were recently married in Brantford, by Rev. Mr. Jenkins in St. Jude's church.

On Friday evening, the social and membership committee of the Y.W.C.A. entertained the younger members of the Y. W. who are not in residence at the association. Shortly after 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and were received by the vice-president, Mrs. A. Howell, and Miss Dench, the secretary of the association.

KING'S MESSAGE

By Courier Leased Wire London, March 25.—King George to-day sent the following message to Field Marshal Haig: "I can assure you that the fortitude, courage and self-sacrifice with which the troops under your command continue so heroically to resist greatly superior numbers are realized by me and my people. The empire stands calm and confident in its soldiers. May God bless them and give them strength in this time of trial."

The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers for the occasion. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. The first game was called the "Autograph and Acquaintance Bag," which created plenty of amusement and gave every one a chance of becoming acquainted with each other. Several guessing contests were then held, which the girls entered into with keen interest. Then followed the Narcissus walk, which again created lots of fun. We must not forget to mention the fortune telling, which the girls seemed to think the best of the evening, according to the pearls of wisdom which were heard when the questions were answered. A dainty repast was then served by the social committee, and before leaving, Miss Helen Armstrong, with several friends, gave two splendid readings. The happy evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Mr. Joseph R. Moyle of the Brantford road, received a cablegram yesterday that his son, Flight Lt. Wm. A. Moyle, was reported missing. The cablegram read: "Beg to inform you Flight Sub-Lieut. Wm. A. Moyle, Royal Naval Aerial Service, reported missing on 22nd inst. Will communicate any further information." Admiralty, London, England. Lieut. Moyle is the eldest son and was an officer in the 215th Battalion, Paris company. A few months before the battalion left for England, he joined the Royal Naval Aerial Service, and after training in England he had been on active service in France and Belgium for the past eight months. During that time he had taken part in many raids over the German lines. Another son of Mr. Moyle is serving the Empire and doing duty at Folkestone, England. The family will have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.

HUNS CLAIM BAPAUME

By Courier Leased Wire Berlin, March 25.—The German press now standing to the north of the Somme in the middle of the former Somme battlefield, says to-day's official statement. Bapaume was captured in night fighting.

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DEATH SEVERS LINK WITH PAST

Mrs. E. D. Little of Paris, Dead at Age of Hundred And One

PIONEER IN COUNTY

Paris, March 25.—(From our own correspondent) The death book placed on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson Little, at the residence of her nephew, Mr. L. Scott Davidson, M. P. E., Charlotte street. The deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Thomas Davidson and was born at Roxburghshire, Scotland, on the 11th of February, 1817. She came out to Canada with her parents and settled in the Township of South Dumfries in the County of Brant in the year 1831, and has lived in this locality ever since. The late Mrs. Little sailed on the vessel "Sarah Mary Ann," which took six weeks to arrive at Quebec. In a few days they reached Montreal and thence by River St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario. They proceeded in open boats to Muddy York (now Toronto) and still further westward by boat to Hamilton and Dundas, this trip taking two weeks. In Dundas they remained for some days while her father went with a party of men on a tour of prospecting. They went as far north as Guelph and then came back by Galt, and finally the family settled on the east side of the Grand River between Paris and Glenora, which was nothing but a forest, and has lived to see many changes. In January 1844 she was married to James Little, who predeceased her some 33 years ago. As a bride, she went to the farm now owned by Ex-Rover Robert Atkin, and where she lived continuously for 55 years. In 1909 she moved to Paris to live with her nephew, Mr. Davidson, he being the only son of her only brother, On Feb. 11, 1917, Mrs. Little celebrated her 100th birthday, when Mr. and Mrs. Davidson held a reception in her honor. On that day many friends from far and wide called to show their respect for such a worthy and venerable old lady. In closing, we might say that she had the unique distinction of having lived under six sovereigns. In the early forties she became a member of the Paris Presbyterian Church, and has ever since been a devoted member and up to the very last took a keen interest in all good works. To all who knew her, she endeared herself by her kindly and bright disposition and until three days previous to her death, her intellect was as clear as in younger days. Many will miss the warm welcome and kindly smile of "Aunt Betty," as she was known to all, and the family and the community at large. The sympathy of the community will be extended to the bereaved relatives. The remains will be laid to rest in the family plot in the Glenora cemetery to-morrow afternoon, the funeral leaving the residence of her nephew, on Charlotte street, Paris, at 2.30.

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was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There was a large attendance and a neat sum realized. The chair was ably taken by Rev. J. C. Nicholson, owing to the absence of the president, Mr. R. Gorrie, and the following assisted: Piano solo, E. K. Tennant; solo, Mr. Wm. Young; reading, Miss J. Bussell; solo, Mrs. C. Patton; solo, Miss L. Wickson; reading, Miss Freda Carr; solo, Miss M. Vickers; solo, Mrs. Gribble.

At the close of work, Saturday noon, Mr. Hiram Sykes was presented with an appropriate address and a handsome pipe and tobacco from his fellow workmates of the Paris Winery Mill. Mr. Sykes, who was completely taken by surprise, managed to thank his friends for the kindly feelings expressed in the address towards him. Mr. Sykes has been a faithful employee in the Winery Mill for the past twenty years, but on account of the close confinement he had been advised to seek outdoor work on account of his health. He has purchased the delivery business of J. C. Cunningham, and his many friends will wish him every success in his new occupation.

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