

"WE MUST WIN THE WAR, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS" ---Premier Arsenault at Third Anniversary Celebration

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BRITISH SMASH THROUGH MILE OF GERMAN POSITIONS ALONG EIGHT MILE FRONT

Captured a Number of Strongly Fortified Defences Including Concreted Points. Took Over 2,000 Prisoners and a Number of Guns. The Drive a Complete Success from Beginning Although Weather Unfavourable for Observation. All Objectives were Carried and all Counter-Attacks Broken Up. Greatest Artillery Duel of Whole War. British Advance Preceded by a Barrage of Five Distinct Walls of Fire Pulverizing all Resistance.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, SEPT. 21.—Behind an inferno of bursting steel British troops "carried on" still further today into German positions along the Ypres-Menin Road.

GREATEST ARTILLERY DUEL OF WHOLE WAR

Probably the greatest artillery duel of the whole war raged last night over the eight miles on which Field Marshal Haig's troops struck early yesterday morning. The Germans poured a terrific barrage to cover their counter-attack and the British imposed a wall of shells before the enemy's advances or ahead of their own troops.

THE DEADLY BRITISH BARRAGE.

A German prisoner examined today after the first sweep of the great offensive declared the British barrage fire heralding the infantry assault was the most deadly in the history of the war. The first push carried the British forward nearly a mile. The British were not content with a single wall of bursting shells ahead of their troops. Not even two or three or four walls was enough but actually five distinct lines of fire were thrown to pulverize resistance. With almost superhuman ingenuity the five lines of fire were made to merge in forward and backward and sideway sweeps.

VERITABLE LOOM OF DEATH.

It was a "veritable loom of death" weaving its terror further and further into the enemy lines. According to a prearranged plan great numbers of British airmen participated in the attack. They earned the right to be called "aerial cavalry" hereafter.

AIRMEN ATTACKED GERMAN INFANTRY

At 500 feet altitude and less during the thickest of the infantry fighting they swooped above the German lines watching for open bodies of troops, and finding them ducked down, sometimes so low that their wheels seemed almost to touch the helmets of the Germans, their machine guns spitting death. It was the first battle in which the airmen were formally assigned to the task of machine gunning infantry.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front to the east of Ypres yesterday, when the British troops pushed through the German lines for a distance of more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by detailed accounts of the battle.

COMPLETE BRITISH SUCCESS.

The War Office, after the receipt of Field Marshal Haig's report today, issued this bulletin:—"More detailed accounts of yesterday's battle confirm the completeness of our success. During the evening, local attacks delivered by us in the neighborhood of Tower Hamlets and northeast of Langemarck cleared up a number of strong points and completed the capture of our objectives in these localities.

GERMAN CASUALTIES UNUSUALLY GREAT.

"It is now established that in the many counter-attacks delivered by considerable forces of the enemy during the afternoon and evening his casualties were unusually great.

GENERAL HAIG'S REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The report issued by General Haig last night reads: "The assembling of the regiments detailed for the attack was carried out without incident although rain fell steadily during Wednesday night. Our first objectives, captured at an early hour, included a number of concreted strong points and fortified farms, for the possession of which heavy fighting took place during previous attacks.

THE REGIMENTS ENGAGED.

"North country regiments carried the Inverness cope, Australian troops stormed Glencorse Wood and Nonneboschen, Scottish and South African brigades took Porsdam, Vampire and Rorry Farms. West Lancashire territorials carried the Iberian Farm and the strong point known as Gallipoli. Our troops then advanced to assault their final objectives. On our right English county troops reached the lines of their final objectives after sharp fighting in the woods north of the Ypres-Comines Canal and in the neighborhood of Lower Hamlets. In the centre, north country Australian battalions penetrated the German positions to a depth of over a mile and captured the whole of their objectives, including Hamlet, Veldhoek and the western portion of Polygon Wood. Further north Zevenkote was captured and London and Highland territorials carried the second line of farms including Rose farm, Quebec farm and Wurst farm on the line of their final objectives.

BETTER OBSERVATION WEATHER.

During the morning the weather cleared and our air-planes were able to take a more active part in the battle, indicating the position of our troops and reporting hostile concentrations to our artillery. In this way a number of German counter-attacks were broken up, while others were repulsed by the rifle and machine gun fire of our infantry. No accurate estimate of the number of prisoners can yet be given, but they are known to exceed 2,000. We also captured a few guns."

TERRIBLE DECIMATION OF GERMANS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thirty-five German divisions have been engaged in the fighting in Flanders during the course of the six weeks from July 18 to August 20, eight of which are still in the front line. Nineteen of the German divisions have been withdrawn and are now undergoing re-formation in rest camps, the other eight being assigned to defend quiet sectors along the fighting front and elsewhere. The average duration of the occupation of front trenches by German divisions before their withdrawal is only eight days, in which time the casualties become so heavy that their retreat is compulsory.

BERLIN REPORT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Via London.—British troops at Passchendaele and Gheluvelt on the Belgian front, at times yesterday pressed forward to a distance of more than two thirds of a mile, says the official statement issued today by the German General Staff. West of Passchendaele the British were pressed back by a counter-attack. North of the Menin-Ypres Road, a portion of the terrain remained in the hands of the British. The statement says also that after fluctuating fighting between Langemarck and Hollebeke, the British were able to advance for a depth of two thirds of a mile.

NO FAVORITES WON AT COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, September 19.—Remarkable reversals of expected form characterized the third day's meeting of grand circuit horses at the Columbus mile track and not a single favorite won, such horses as St. Frisco, going down among the well-played losers. Two races, the free-for-all trot and the Hotel Hartman \$5,000 stake for 2.11 pacers developed great speed and a reduction of marks for the local event and new marks for their winners. Mabel Trask trotted two miles faster than her previous record and averaged a shade under 2.03 for her 3 heats. She lowered her former record of 2.03 1/4 in the second heat to 2.02 1/4. St. Frisco was not herself and only won third money in this event, Miss Directed beating him out for the place.

NO REGATTA THIS YEAR.

BOSTON, September 19.—The New England Amateur Rowing Association has decided to omit this year the customary regatta on the Charles river on Columbus Day, October 12th. Many of the clubs connected with the organization had found it impossible to complete entry lists for the event.

WAR CREDIT A RECORD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The war credits bill, authorizing new bonds and certificates aggregating \$11,538,000,000, and the largest measure of its kind in the world's history, was passed by the Senate late Saturday without a roll call or dissenting vote. It had already passed the House.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

(Canadian Press Dispatch) OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—On the eve of the sixth anniversary of the last Canadian general election, one of Canada's longest and most historic parliaments finally prorogued last evening. The closing sitting of the House of Commons was a comparatively brief one. It is marked by eloquent tributes to the late Colonel Henry B. Smith, for nearly a half century Solicitor-at-Laws of the Commons, by the Premier and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Both leaders also paid glowing tributes to the services of the retiring Clerk, Dr. T. B. Flint.

FIRST S. A. PARTY REACHES FRANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The first contingent of American Salvation Army workers has arrived safely in France, according to information just received by Col. Gifford from Col. Barker, the Salvation Army Representative in France. The party numbers 22 men and women officers and will work among the American expeditionary forces.

A special uniform is being arranged for the Salvation Army military workers by authority of the United States officials. They will be the regulation khaki uniform with U. S. on the right of the collar and S. A. on the left, with Salvation Army worked in white on the shoulder straps. The same pattern coat will be worn by the men. Col. Barker also writes for a number of supplies to be sent over immediately.

SENDS LAST MEN OF MILITARY AGE.

YARMOUTH, September 19.—Allan Hatfield, a son of Tracey Hatfield of Tusket, went to Halifax on Saturday to join the 10th siege battery. His brothers, cousins and other relatives are all in khaki and his enlistment takes the last man of military age whose home is in Tusket. Tusket is an important village numbering almost a thousand people and probably there is no other village of equal size in Canada and very few, if any, in the whole Empire which has furnished 100 per cent. of its men power for the firing line.

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN TRADE OF THE DOMINION

Canada's Great Trade Expansion Continues Unabated—Increase This Year of Probably Five Hundred Million Dollars.

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—Trade figures for August and the first five months of the present fiscal year, made public by Hon. J. D. Reid, show that Canada's great trade expansion continues unabated. In the last fiscal year Canada's trade aggregated two billion dollars, but at the present rate the trade for the present fiscal year should be at least five hundred million more than last year's record. For the first five months of the previous fiscal year the total trade was \$768,635,214, while for the corresponding period this year it is \$1,128,274,119. The trade balance in Canada's favor for the first five months of the present fiscal year is \$180,000,000.

Total Imports.

The total imports for August, amounted to \$91,931,000 as against \$72,331,014 for August last year. For the five months of the present fiscal year ending with August total imports were valued at \$474,031,859 and for the same period last year \$322,198,881. With the increase in import trade has come a corresponding increase in revenue for August of \$3,075,000 and for the five months of \$17,540,000. The export trade shows a corresponding increase of from \$96,832,161 in August last year to \$152,463,345 during the corresponding month this year. For five months the export trade totalled \$672,022,649 an increase of \$217,291,385 over the same period last year. Fisheries show an increase for the month of \$200,000 in exports, agricultural products \$25,000,000, and manufactures \$27,000,000. There was a slight decrease in exports of minerals and \$8,000,000 decrease in products of the forest.

Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

B.C. LABOR COUNCIL RECOMMENDS STRIKE

(Canadian Press Dispatch) VANCOUVER, Sept. 21.—The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council last night voted to recommend to the executive of the British Columbia federation of labor that a general strike of labor in British Columbia be called as soon as the conscription act is put into effect.

GENERAL ALEXIEFF RESIGNS POSITION

PETROGRAD, Sept. 21.—General Alexieff has resigned his position as Chief-of-the general staff under Premier Kerevsky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to newspaper reports today. The resignation is said to be due to differences with the Premier, the latter insisting on the removal from Headquarters of all officers under suspicion of complicity with General Korniloff.

MANY APPLY FOR AVIATION CORPS

On account of the great increase in the number of applications which are being received for admission to the Royal Flying Corps through the local branch of the service, it is announced, for the information of those desiring to enroll, that the following conditions must be complied with:—Candidates applying must be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years, and must be possessed of good education. They also must be of pure European descent, and the sons of either natural born or naturalized British subjects. It is required that they be reported fit for active service in the Royal Flying Corps, in accordance with the standard of physical fitness laid down by the corps, and be suitable in all respects to hold a commission.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE JUST ESCAPED DESTRUCTION.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 19.—The Association Press today carries the following: "Cleopatra's needle presented to the British government and erected in London in 1878, narrowly escaped destruction during the German air raid over London, September 4th, according to Americans who arrived here today from England. One who said he was near the scene at the time, asserted two bombs fell within less than a dozen feet of the historic obelisk, the explosions shaking it on its foundation. Another bomb falling a block distant hit a street car and killed several of its occupants. Cable reports of the raid said eleven persons were killed and 62 injured.

CONTROL SUGAR INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—By a presidential proclamation today the entire sugar industry in the United States was placed under the food administration to be conducted under a license system which will control manufacture, distribution and importation.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

Moderate to fresh north westerly to North winds, fine and cool. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 57 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 54 above; at 9 p. m. it was 52 above. The lowest the previous night was 48 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.51, tomorrow at 3.44, and Monday at 4.45; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.48, Monday at 2.21 and Tuesday at 3.10. The sun sets this evening at 6.17, tomorrow at 6.15 and Monday at 6.13; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.05, Monday at 6.06 and Tuesday at 6.08. The moon sets tonight at 9.20, and tomorrow at 10.18. There was a new moon on Sunday Sept. 16th at 5.28 a. m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Monday, Sept. 24th at 12.41 a. m. The length of today will be twelve hours and thirteen minutes, and of tomorrow 12 hours and ten minutes.

PREMIER EXPECTS UNION GOV'T SOON

Promises This Step if Successful in Elections. Sir Robert Tells Western Liberal His Purpose.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 20.—That it is both his purpose and his expectation to form a union Government before the general election is now imminent, but if that should prove impossible, he will certainly do so after the elections, if returned to power, is the statement of Premier F. P. Davis, K. C., a prominent Vancouver Liberal.

The letter, which is dated September 10, is a reply to a communication from Mr. Davis, in which he asked the Premier if it is his intention to go to the country in the coming election on the principle of forming a union Government if returned to power.

Liberal Seeks Statement.

On September 5, E. P. Davis, K. C., who has taken a prominent part in the win-the-war movement here, after consulting with the leaders of the league, wrote to Premier Borden as follows:

"The Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P. C., K.C.M.G., Ottawa:

"Dear Sir Robert:

"I would esteem it a great favor if you would let me know whether it is your intention to go to the country in the coming elections upon the principle of forming a Union Government should you be returned to power.

"If this is a question which will embarrass you, naturally you will not answer it, but personally, as a Liberal, and feeling in this particular juncture as many other Liberals feel, I may say that an answer to this question will be of great assistance to me in deciding upon the attitude to adopt in the election.

"Yours sincerely,

"E. P. DAVIS."

Union Before Election

The reply from Sir Robert was dated Ottawa, Sept. 10, and follows:

"My Dear Mr. Davis:

"Your letter of the 5th inst. has been just received by me. It is both my purpose and my expectation to form a Union Government before the General election, which is now imminent. As you are aware, I have during the past three and a half months used my best endeavors for that purpose, which has been publicly announced. I am sending herewith a copy of my reply to a win-the-war convention in Toronto, and an extract from my letter to Mr. Rogers when I accepted his resignation.

Or On Return to Power.

"If it should prove impossible to form a Union Government before the general election, I shall certainly do so if I should be returned to power.

"I shall be grateful to you if you will make me acquainted from time to time with your views respecting public matters in this supreme moment, when all party considerations should be placed in the background and all personal considerations shrink into absolute insignificance."

"Yours faithfully,

"R. L. Borden."

Permits Publication Letter.

On September 15, the Premier's reply not having been received by that date, Mr. Davis communicated with him by wire asking if he would wire an answer to the letter of September 5 for public use.

Sir Robert telegraphed on September 17:

"Your telegram received. You are at liberty to make public my letter of the 10th inst. Please wire me if this is satisfactory so that I may make it public here."

MONEY WON SO FAR BY THE HORSEMEN

THERE ARE THREE RACES YET TO BE TROTTED, WHICH WILL ADD \$1,200 TO THE TOTAL

HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The following is the list of money winners in the exhibition races so far. There are three races for today, \$400 purses:

P. W. Foster, Kingston—200 2.40 trot \$200 2.30 trot \$60 2.20 trot \$250 L. R. Acker, Halifax—200 1st 2.19 trot \$40 4th 2.13 trot \$40 4th 2.19 pace \$280 4th 2.19 pace \$280

Thos. Munroe, New Glasgow—1st 2.30 trot \$200 4th 2.40 pace \$40 4th 2.40 pace \$40

J. W. Hill, Sydney—1st 2.40 pace \$200 1st 2.27 pace \$200 3rd 2.24 pace \$440

L. A. Simpson, Amherst—1st 2.10 trot \$200 1st free-for-all \$200 1st 2.19 trot \$400

H. C. Hooper, Charlottetown—1st 2.17 trot \$200 Ives and Murdoch, Montague—1st 3 year old trot \$200 2nd 3 year old trot \$100 3rd 3 year old trot \$60 4th 3 year old trot \$40 \$400

G. H. Vall, Sydney—1st 2.13 trot \$200 Robert Brown, St. John—1st 2.19 trot \$200 3rd 2.17 trot \$60 \$260

D. H. MacAllister, Sussex—1st 2.19 trot \$200 1st 2.24 trot \$400

P. Doherty, Sydney—2nd 2.40 pace \$100 1st 2.24 pace \$200 \$300

D. F. Fraser, New Glasgow—1st 2.45 trot \$200 4th 2.30 trot \$40 \$240

J. R. Sanderson, New Glasgow—2nd 2.40 trot \$100 Russell Palmeter, Middleton—3rd 2.40 trot \$60 H. H. Horne, Charlottetown—4th 2.40 trot \$40 Thos. Raymond, Fredericton—2nd 2.19 pace \$100 4th 2.19 trot \$40 2nd 2.24 pace \$100 \$240

H. R. Crockett, Summerside—3rd 2.13 trot \$60 P. A. Belliveau, Moncton—2nd 2.10 trot \$100 2nd free-for-all \$100 2nd 2.13 trot \$100 \$300

T. V. Monohan, Fredericton—3rd 2.10 trot \$60 3rd free-for-all \$60 \$120

Fred Duncanson, Fairville—4th 2.10 trot \$40 J. W. Burke, Middleton—2nd 2.30 trot \$100 C. E. Smith, Halifax—2nd 2.19 trot \$60 3rd 2.19 trot \$60 \$120

John P. Smith, Kinkora—2nd 2.27 trot \$100 John McPhee, Freetown—3rd 2.27 trot \$60 3rd 2.24 trot \$60 \$120

John Glynn, St. John—4th 2.27 trot \$40 Dr. Jenkins, Charlottetown—2nd 2.17 trot \$100 2nd 2.15 trot \$100 2nd 2.45 trot \$200

Hammond Kelly, Charlottetown—4th 2.17 trot \$40 R. H. Edwards, Halifax—2nd 2.24 pace \$100 McKinnon Drug Co., Charlottetown—2nd 2.19 trot \$100 T. Kiffen, Halifax—4th 2.19 pace \$40 W. H. Musgrave, Halifax—1st 2 year old trot \$70 W. H. Muir, Halifax—2nd 2 year-old trot \$50

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RECRUITS FOR NUMBER 5 ARTILLERY DRAFT

The following men have already enlisted in the No. 5 Artillery Draft under Lieut. W. L. Beer:—H. E. Bernard, Long River; Geo. Carver, Charlottetown; C. A. Conrad, Georgetown; N. Crockett, Strathcona; W. DeCost, Charlottetown; J. Down, Charlottetown; H. H. Nicholson, Georgetown. This is a splendid opportunity for young men to enlist, under an officer who has seen active service, in this choice branch of the army. Minimum height, 5ft. 7in.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.