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## IRISH AT YPRES ADD LUSTRE

To the Envious Reputation They  
Enjoy for Valour and  
Heroism.

**BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE  
AND BELGIUM.**—The story of the  
valiant fight waged by Irish battalions,  
both Ulstermen and south of  
Ireland men, in the latest British of-  
fensive northeast of Ypres, forms one  
of the most remarkable pages in the  
history of this sanguinary battle. As  
was the case with the intrepid Lon-  
doners in Polygon Wood to the south,  
they did not achieve the success which  
they sought, but the struggle they  
made against overwhelming odds will  
make their names immortal in Irish  
annals.

The ground over which the Irish  
troops fought may roughly be placed  
as lying between Fortuin on the north  
and Prezenburg on the south. Before  
them lay strong Bavarian positions  
scattered over a terrain which at first  
blush made an advance seem impos-  
sible. Stretching out from the Zonne-  
beke-Langemarck road across the  
centre of the battlefield was a ridge  
which dominated all surrounding  
ground, and from a myriad of machine  
guns on the crest could be poured a  
deluge of bullets into advancing  
ranks.

Through the southern portion of  
this section the swollen Zonnebeke  
River poured its muddy water, and  
scattered along both banks of the  
stream were many steel and concrete  
redoubts holding from 20 to 100 Ger-  
mans, all well armed. Immediately  
in front of the Irish was undulating  
ground. Every knoll was a strong  
Bavarian position and the whole sec-  
tion was filled with concrete redoubts  
and shell-hole nests lined with ma-  
chine guns. Depressions in the  
ground were a mass of knee-deep mud  
caused by recent rains and the flood  
of the river.

Begin Attack Muddy and Wet.

The Irish battalions were muddy  
and wet when they began the attack.  
The Ulstermen were on the left of  
this battlefield, and the men of the  
south on the right. Shoulder to  
shoulder they moved out among the  
heart-breaking obstacles at the break-  
ing of day, bogging at every step, and  
all that human beings could have done,  
under such circumstances they did.  
As they advanced they first encoun-  
tered the customary thin line of  
German outposts among the shell  
craters. These Bavarians fell back,  
and almost immediately the Irishmen  
found themselves facing fire from ma-  
chine guns before them, vicious rapid  
fire whipping out a steady stream of  
lead, broad high, across the whole  
battlefield.

Amidst the hail of bullets and crash-  
ing shells the Irishmen pushed dog-  
gedly forward. The Ulstermen first  
struck a position called Pond Farm,  
below Fortuin. Here were many ma-  
chine-guns placed in concrete pits,  
behind which towered strong redoubts  
and deep dugouts. The Ulstermen  
plunged into the gulleys and a fierce  
struggle followed. The Bavarians  
would not surrender and they fought  
until the last German lay crumpled  
beside his gun. A small garrison  
was left to hold this place, and the  
Irishmen pushed on. There was con-  
stant and bitter fighting at every step.

Hand-to-hand Fighting.

Near Pond Farm they were held up  
by partly cut barbed-wire entangle-  
ments, and as they struggled through  
this they were swept with bullets.  
Numerous redoubts were encountered  
beyond, and in most cases it was  
hand-to-hand fighting to a finish with  
a stubborn enemy. The Southern  
Irish at a given hour went forward  
with all the coolness which made them  
famous at Ginchy and other places.  
They surged on through the mire  
to some of their objectives, but they  
had passed numerous unsilenced ma-  
chine gun emplacements and follow-  
ing waves of infantry were held up  
by these.

North of Frezenburg was a redoubt  
called Borry Farm, holding sixty to  
eighty Bavarians with machine guns.  
The position was too strong for the  
infantry to take, but the Irishmen  
battled on until those troops which  
had essayed an attack on the fortifica-  
tion lay dead or wounded before it.  
But others pushed forward to Hill 35,  
as this ridge, which dominated the  
surrounding ground, was known, and

## CONSCRIPTION WILL BE IN FORCE TOMORROW

Many Details Necessarily Delayed Governor  
General's Signature.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA.—It is expected that the  
Governor General will give his assent  
on Tuesday to the Military Service  
Act. It has been alleged that there  
has been unnecessary delay in bring-  
ing the measure into effect but the  
officers of the Justice Department  
have been steadily at work for weeks  
making the many necessary prepara-  
tions for putting the measure into op-  
eration.

Under section 6, the Minister of Jus-  
tice is required to establish local tri-  
bunals at such places as he deems nec-  
essary. It is estimated that a local  
board could not within the time  
which may reasonably be allowed to  
it, deal with more applications for  
exemption than would be anticipated  
to come from 500 men of the first  
class called out. Allowing one board  
for each 500 unmarried men between  
the ages of 20 and 30, it is estimated  
that there should be a board for  
every 75,000 of the population or about  
1,000 boards all over the country. The  
work of selecting the places at which  
these numerous boards are to be es-

tablished is difficult and necessarily  
requires a considerable time. With  
the aid of the Census branch, the offi-  
cers of the Justice Department have  
this work sufficiently advanced to al-  
low the Minister of Justice to issue  
his proclamation establishing the tri-  
bunals almost immediately after the  
Act receives the royal assent.

Procedure before the tribunals is  
under the Act to be provided for by  
regulations of the Governor in Coun-  
cil. This too is well under way. The  
draft regulations and forms are ready  
for the printer. They will then re-  
quire further revision and considera-  
tion as well as some additions. To  
assist the Minister a council known  
as the Military Service Council, is to  
be appointed to advise and assist in  
the administration and enforcement  
of the Act. This council will consist  
of five members. Among these men-  
tioned for the council are: O. M. Big-  
gar, Edmonton; J. H. Moss, Toronto;  
Colonel Hector Forrest; Colonel H. A.  
C. MacHain, Kenora and the Deputy  
Minister of Justice.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IN EAST AFRICA

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
LONDON.—The British official  
statement issued yesterday on the  
East African war theatre reports fur-  
ther advances of the British and Bel-  
gian forces against the Germans.

## GREAT ITALIAN TRIUMPH

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
ROME.—Italian troops on the Ison-  
zo front are marching to complete  
victory. The final success of the Ita-  
lians in winning their greatest battle  
in this war is thrilling the country as  
never before. Both army and civil-  
ians now see the result of two years  
suffering and economic hardships.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

for a little time that eminence was  
actually in British hands. But it  
was too important a position for the  
Germans to relinquish. They massed  
great numbers of men behind it, and  
hurled them against the Irish. The  
latter met the onslaught with bayonet  
and clubbed rifles, and fought as their  
forefathers fought, fiercely and deter-  
minedly.

But they were greatly outnumbered,  
and gradually they were forced to fall  
back until the Germans had regained  
their hold on the Hill. The Bavarians  
then began a series of heavy counter-  
attacks, and the Irish, many of them  
wounded, and all exhausted, retreated  
slowly, fighting every inch of the way,  
until they reached the trenches which  
they left at dawn, and which they held.

Heroism of a Chaplain.

No more heroic effort has been  
made since the war began than this.  
There had been many instances of in-  
dividual heroism, a striking case  
being that of the chaplain, who gave  
his life while working among the men  
he loved. They tried to keep him  
back, but he had been with them in  
Ginchy and other struggles, and he  
would not desert his boys now; so he  
continued to work on the shell town,  
bullet-swept field, his kindly face seen  
now beside some wounded men, now  
beside another who was dying.

It was while he was kneeling to  
give absolution to some badly wound-  
ed man that a German shell broke  
near him and he was killed. It was  
a great loss to the Irish troops, and  
his name was spoken with tears by  
those left behind. Another who will  
not be forgotten is the doctor who for  
five days and nights continued his  
work of rescuing the wounded under  
heavy fire.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.

## HARD STRUGGLE AT GILLEMONT

Position Taken and Re-taken  
After Heavy Bombardment.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
LONDON.—Early yesterday morn-  
ing the enemy heavily bombarded the  
positions captured by the British  
southeast of Epehy and attacked Gil-  
lemont Farm establishing himself in  
a small portion of his old trenches.  
All other points of attack were re-  
pulsed. The farm still remains in  
British hands.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
LONDON.—(Later.)—The British  
troops attacked and drove the Ger-  
mans out of the portion of the trench-  
es northeast of Gillemont which  
the enemy had captured in the morn-  
ing.

Portuguese troops also repulsed the  
Germans southeast of Lavente.

## HILL 304 CAPTURED

Brilliant Sortie by French De-  
rive Germans of Last Obser-  
vatory of Verdun.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE FRENCH ARMY.—Hill 304, the  
last remaining important stronghold  
of the Germans fronting Verdun, fell  
into French hands at dawn today. The  
French infantry, who had almost en-  
circled the hill in previous attacks,  
charged the German positions in a  
brilliant dash and carried them by  
storm, capturing the remainder of the  
Germans entrenched there.

Not content with this splendid  
achievement, the French advanced a  
further 2,000 yards and made posses-  
sion of the hill doubly secure. Hill  
304, together with Le Mort Homme,  
commands all the ravines and ap-  
proaches as far as Douaumont. The loss  
of these positions deprives the Ger-  
mans of all observatories from which  
they could watch the French move-  
ments.

## FURS FOR SOLDIERS

Ship Sent to Hudson Bay to Obtain  
Supply.

St. John's Nfld.—The need of furs  
for the equipment of airmen in ser-  
vice in Europe, and of the men in the  
trenches during the winter has result-  
ed in the despatch of a Newfoundland  
steamer to Hudson Bay. The steamer  
chosen for this purpose has been  
employed by the Admiralty during  
the last two years conveying munitions  
to Europe. It is now on its way  
with supplies for the fur trading com-  
panies on Hudson Bay, and it is ex-  
pected that it will bring back a large  
stock of furs before ice closes naviga-  
tion in northern waters.

A missionary ship which plies along  
the Labrador coast will collect furs  
gathered in the various mission posts  
there and bring them to this port.

## CANADIAN HEROIC ADVANCE ON LENS

Fighting Hand to Hand Against Fearful Odds  
Canadians Press on to Lens City.

OTTAWA.—News of the matchless  
valor of Canadian troops in the bloody  
conflict at Lens is followed by warn-  
ing that we must steel our hearts  
for a heavy sacrifice of life. It was  
inevitable that it should be so. For  
more than a week Canadian divisions  
have been attacking a position upon  
which the enemy has lavished three  
years of devilish ingenuity for war,  
a position which he knows must hold  
if he is not to be overtaken by disas-  
ter; and it is but the realities of war  
if our incomparable infantry should  
pay a heavy price. But whatever the  
sacrifices, the Canadian people will  
bear them with fortitude—fortitude  
born of a solemn pride and conscious-  
ness that our boys have fallen with  
their faces to the sun, have gone  
down fighting for humanity, fighting  
for freedom, for public right, fight-  
ing to safeguard human happiness  
from tyrannous and lawless power.

"Happy are all free nations,  
Too strong to be disposed;  
Too blessed are they among na-  
tions  
That dare to be strong for the  
rest."

True, the road has been harder,  
and the price we are paying is great-  
er than we deemed possible at first,  
and there need be no wonder if at  
times during all these weary, blood-  
stained days, in hours of gloom and  
lengthening lists of dead, when hope  
deferred has made the heart sick, that  
some among us should ask: "To  
what end is all this waste?" Can  
we wonder that at times when the  
shadows deepen, that the fires die  
down, and the despondent question  
rises to our lips: "Is it worth while?"

At Lucknow and Cawnpore they  
knew such bitter hours; one century  
ago they knew them too, when our  
forefathers, counting their blood as  
water and their treasure as dust, stood  
between a tyrant and the freedom of  
the world. But, despite all, they held  
on, with the old flag flying above  
them, as we shall, please Heaven,  
hold on till the morning breaks at  
last, and the shadows flee. In words  
that live and throb with patriotism  
a great Greek historian has recorded  
the funeral oration delivered by Pe-  
ricles over his countrymen who died  
for Athens:

"Such is the city for which  
these men, since they disdained  
ing have died. And it is fit that  
every man of you that is left  
should be like-minded, to under-  
go any travail for the same.  
There was none of these, who,  
preferring the further enjoyment  
of his wealth, was thereby grown  
cowardly. They fled from shame,  
till with their bodies they stood  
out the battle; and so in a mo-  
ment big with fate, it was from  
their glory, rather than from  
their fear, that they passed away.

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And each having given his body  
for the commonwealth, they re-  
ceive instead thereof a most re-  
markable sepulchre, not that  
wherein they are buried so much  
as that other wherein their glory  
is laid up, on all occasions, both  
by word and deed, to be remem-  
bered evermore; for to famous  
men all the earth is a sepulchre."

It is for us today, when many  
homes are sorrowed, to re-echo this  
heroic spirit.  
If today when in the fourth year  
of conflict, Germany still breathes her  
adversaries with might and resolve,  
still holds the territories which at the  
outset her extraordinary preparedness  
enabled her to conquer, shall we ad-  
mit that the balance must be struck  
in her favor? It is best to face  
facts, however disconcerting, to know  
the worst of what we have to fear  
rather than to delude ourselves with  
self-complacent platitudes. Our task  
has been vastly greater than we had  
ever dreamed. Our years of slothful  
unpreparedness and our failure to  
face the truth have had their reward  
in bitter losses, wasted opportunities,  
and deep humiliations. We have  
reaped as we have sown. But for  
what has gone before we shall neither  
whine nor repine. That is not the  
way of our breed. We must steel  
our hearts and heighten our resolve  
to see the struggle through.

It is the character of a people that  
most prevail in the end. Discipline,  
scientific skill and organization, can  
do great things, but in the last resort  
it is the men behind the guns and the  
people behind the men. This is our  
hope; on this we stay ourselves, and  
as unbroken surely we have behind  
us the annals of our race.

Let us then face our sacrifices with  
fortitude and be of good heart. Ter-  
rible has been the longdrawn strain,  
but we must bear it to the end.  
Above all we must never desert the  
gallant men who are facing death  
and falling in Flanders for everything  
we profess to desire.

"Dying forlorn in a foreign land,  
Soldier dying for me,  
Over the sea I reach my hand  
In a covenant with thee!  
I will not let the hour and day  
Slip from this life of mine  
Jolly as hour-glass and sand away!  
They are pledged to the price  
of thine!"

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## THE ROUMANIANS MAKING GOOD

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
ROUMANIAN FRONT.—The Rou-  
manians repulsed enemy attacks in  
the direction of Aena, South of Smor-  
gon our artillery brought down a  
German airplane.

## RUSSIANS O.K. IN CAUCASUS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
PETROGRAD.—Attacks along the  
Russian and Roumanian fronts have  
been repulsed. The advance made by  
the Russians on the Caucasian front  
on the enemy's line have been suc-  
cessful at several points.

## THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Aug. 27.—Fresh southerly  
showers Sunday, moderated winds  
and the most time fair.  
The highest temperature recorded  
yesterday was 79 degrees above. At  
10 a. m. it was 74 above; at 9 p. m.,  
it was 70 above. The lowest the  
previous night was 64 above.  
The tide will be high this evening  
at 6.13, and tomorrow at 7.26; it will  
be high tomorrow morning at 4.53 and  
Wednesday at 6.13.  
The sun sets this evening at 7.05,  
and tomorrow at 7.05; it rises to-  
morrow morning at 5.34, and Wed-  
nesday at 5.35.  
The moon sets this evening at 12.  
The first quarter of the moon was  
on Saturday, Aug. 25th, at 2.08 p. m.  
There will be a full moon on Sat-  
urday, Sept. 1st, at 7.29 a. m.  
The length of today will be 15 hours  
and thirty-three minutes.

## FRENCH PRAISE CANADIANS

For the Tremendous Courage  
and Endurance Shown in the  
Determined Attack on Lens.

PARIS.—The newspaper of the  
French capital all pay glowing tributes  
to the splendid work of the Cana-  
dian troops. Le Petit Parisien says:

"If it were known what human mis-  
ery, abnegation and self-sacrifice were  
involved in those 1300 meters of  
trenches recently captured by the  
Canadians in this corner of Hell, in  
which every German soldier fought  
like a wild beast, the people would be  
touched and thrilled. An enemy offi-  
cer remarked of the Canadians, only  
once have I known a class of soldiers  
as brave and thoroughly trained,  
namely, Von Kluck's men in 1914."

The correspondent of Petit Parisien  
points out that it is noteworthy that  
all prisoners, even the officers, de-  
clare the war is nearing its close, be-  
cause Germany is at the end of her  
resources.

## ARTILLERY EXCHANGES ACTIVE

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
PARIS.—The French official state-  
ment reports successful artillery ac-  
tion near Lauffaux and in the region  
of Braye-en-Launols and Corney. On  
the left bank of the Meuse the enemy  
reacted feebly. While on the right  
bank both artillery were active.

The Belgian communication states  
that a surprise attack was success-  
fully carried out on the east bank of  
the Yser, north of Dixmude.  
Eastern theatre, enemy artillery  
was quite active in the region of Ko-  
ritz. Several enemy patrols were  
repulsed. British aviators bom-  
arded enemy depots north of Dolron.

Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

## BIG RAILWAY VOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA.—Supplementary esti-  
mates were under discussion in com-  
mittee of supply in the Commons dur-  
ing the greater part of the Saturday  
sitting. Two large items were adopted  
before the House adjourned at  
six o'clock. One of these amounting  
to \$25,000,000. Hon. Frank Cochrane,  
the Minister of Railways explained, is  
intended to provide funds for the pur-  
chase of locomotives and rolling stock  
for the government railways and  
freight cars to supply the shortage on  
the other roads. In all 6,000 freight  
cars are being purchased, 4,000 from  
the Canada Car Company; 1,000 from  
Eastern Car Company and 1,000 from  
the National Car Company. They  
are all to be delivered between Octo-  
ber 1st and February 1st.

Mr. Cochrane stated that 4,000 of  
the cars were required for the Gov-  
ernment railways and that the bal-  
ance would be available for other  
roads.

The other item which was approved  
was \$1,050,000 for the purchase of the  
steamers "McKee" and "Drummond"  
of 35,000 tons burden each, to carry  
coal from Sydney to Lewis for the  
Intercolonial Railway. There was  
some discussion upon items for the  
purchase of wooden ships to ply be-  
tween ports on the Atlantic and Pa-  
cific coast by way of the Panama  
Canal and to purchase the Quebec and  
Saguenay and Lotbiniere railways un-  
der the legislation of last session.  
Neither appropriation was however  
disposed of.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

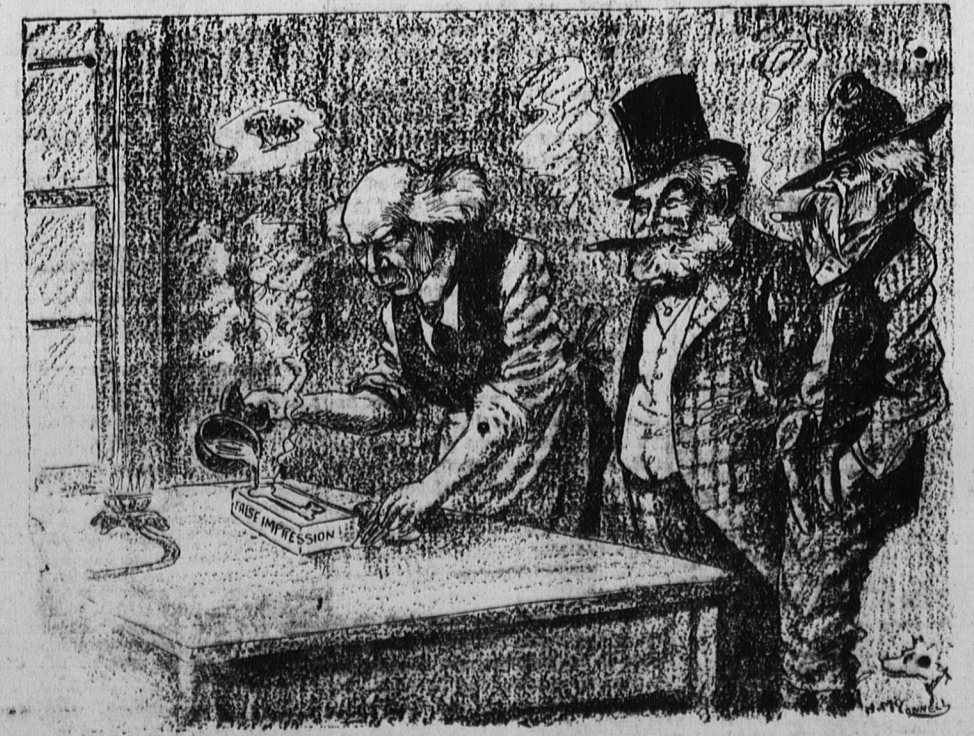
\*\*Motor Boat will leave Pownall  
Wharf at 5 p. m. today for West River  
Soldiers' Festival. 6006-8-27M11.

\*\*Don't forget the lawn party on  
the grounds of Mrs. J. W. Mitchell,  
near Afton Hall, Wednesday, August  
29th. Proceeds in aid of Devonshire  
Red Cross Society. If weather un-  
favorable will be held first fine day.  
6074-8-25M21pd.

\*\*The Ladies of the Rustico Red  
Cross Society intend holding an ice  
cream and tea on August 29th at 5  
p. m. at Cymbrria Lodge Farm, Oy-  
ster Bed Bridge. If not fine on the  
following fine day, Auto Parties wel-  
come. 6073-8-25M31.

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

## THE MYSTERY OF THE BLOODY KEY---NO. 7



Edmonton Frank: "Gee, 'Slippery,' ain't the boss a genius? Miss Canada thinks he'll back up C. E. F."