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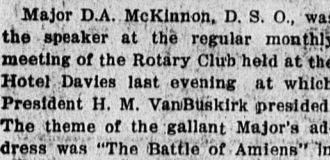
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## THE BATTLE OF AMIENS A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

As Related by Major McKinnon, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, Before the Members of the Rotary Club at Their Meeting Last Evening.



Major D.A. McKinnon, D.S.O., was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Rotary Club held at the Hotel Davies last evening at which President H. M. VanBuskirk presided. The theme of the gallant Major's address was "The Battle of Amiens" in

front line advanced shortly before zero and where on a level with our infantry when the barrage started. Their advance had been concealed from the enemy by the whirring noise of great bombing planes, which flew over the enemy's front lines dropping an occasional bomb to further disconcert him.

There was one field gun to every fifteen yards of front and when you consider that the burst of a shrapnel shell covers about 35 yards you can see that there was very little chance for anything to live in that barrage. The enemy's machine guns and trench mortars were taken care of by our field howitzers right from the word go. His field and heavy artillery were taken on by our siege and heavy artillery who deluged them with gas and high explosives, largely neutralizing them or rendering their fire spasmodic and inaccurate.

No description which I can give can possibly convey to one who has not been through the tense moments preceding the zero hour, or hour for attack. Picture to yourself said Major McKinnon, thousands and thousands of men crowded into trenches with bayonets, sharpened that day, which they are waiting to drive home into the heart of an enemy. The bomber with his bombs feeling them over to see that the pins are in place and getting them ready to throw, looking over their pets to see that they are in perfect working order; the officers, platoon company and battalion, moving around among their men, joking and laughing and keeping up the morale—wonderful fellows everyone.

The Field and Siege Artillery  
Massed in rear of the infantry are the supporting field artillery, drivers standing to horses and quieting their pets who sense something of the impending conflict. The gunners are moving around among their guns. This particular field artillery have been ordered to follow along in close support of the infantry to deal with any machine guns, trench mortars or field guns which may have escaped the barrage. Theirs will be an exciting and highly dangerous task.

In rear of these is placed the field artillery consisting of 18 pounders and 4.5 howitzers the former to deliver the actual barrage with shrapnel shell, no high explosive being used on account of the tanks. The 4.5 howitzers are to deal with the machine guns and trench mortars.

The Tanks  
You have now the stage all set for the scene, but let us look into the minds and feelings of the actors in the drama.

At Foch's headquarters where sits the generalissimo of all the armies, at General Headquarters Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, at Canadian Corps headquarters and at Divisional Headquarters sitting and anxiously waiting are the men who are to learn if this, the first great offensive of the Allies is to be a success or not. For weeks the plans have been made and laid. Every thought has been concentrated on providing for all contingencies. It is not too much to

## IRISH SITUATION EXTREMELY CRITICAL

Sinn Fein Members Recently Elected Will Proclaim Irish Republic and Demand Hearing at Peace Conference as Independent Nation. They Will Levy Taxes and Resist all Attempts to Collect Imperial Revenue.

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The situation in Ireland is causing grave anxiety to those who are in touch with that country. Startling developments are looked for at any moment. Sinn Fein will make the most of the sensational victories it achieved outside of Ulster and the 73 Sinn Fein members will meet in Dublin and constitute themselves a national assembly. They will appoint a President and proclaim the independence of the Irish Republic. The national assembly will begin to legislate at once and issue a proclamation. An attempt will be made to levy taxes and all attempts to collect imperial revenue will be resisted. Missions will be sent to foreign countries and the actions of an independent state will be imitated in every possible way. Of course this means an inevitable collision with

the large British force in Ireland. This is exactly what the Sinn Fein is playing up for. They are prepared for considerable sacrifices of life so long as the fighting can take place when the Allied conferences and peace congress are being held. They will endeavor to send a mission to both of these gatherings and will demand admission as an independent state fighting for the right of self determination against British tyranny.

INTERNED SINN FEINERS WILL BE RELEASED

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The release of all Sinn Feiners interned in England is expected virtually at once. Count Plunkett one of the Sinn Feiners elected to Parliament in the recent balloting already has been released.

## ANOTHER WAR STARTS IN ILL-FATED GERMANY

Force of 30,000 Poles Marching on Berlin, Has Captured Six German Cities and Entered Frankfurt. German Army Mobilized to Meet the New Menace.

(Special to The Guardian)  
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.—A Polish force of 30,000 men is marching on Berlin, according to a despatch received here, quoting rumours at the German capital. Gustave Noske, a member of the Ebert Cabinet in charge of military affairs, is said to have ordered the fifth German division to meet the Poles.

According to information received here today.  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Polish troops have entered Frankfurt on the Oder, fifty miles east of Berlin, says a Berlin despatch to the Express, which adds that the Poles have occupied Bueh in Prussian Silesia and Bromberg, in the province of Posen, 60 miles north east of the Posen city.

POLES SAID TO HAVE CAPTURED SIX GERMAN CITIES

POSEN UNDER MARTIAL LAW

(Special to The Guardian)  
BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Polish army advancing along the railways towards Berlin captured six German cities, according to information received here today.

BASEL, Jan. 2.—German authorities in German Poland have declared Posen under Martial Law, according to a report received here from Posen.

## BAD TRAIN ACCIDENT AT CLAIR, QUEBEC

Three Returning Soldiers Killed and 57 Injured When Train was Derailed and Cars Were Ditched.

(Special to The Guardian)  
QUEBEC, Jan. 2.—Three soldiers are known to have been killed and 57 injured when a troop train on the National Transcontinental Railway running west from Halifax was wrecked at 1.30 this afternoon at Clair siding, east of Glendyne, between Edmundson and Monk. The train which bore the number 1176

was carrying returned men and deserters from Toronto and district and while the cause of the accident is not yet been determined it is thought the derailment was caused by the spreading of the rails. The engine wrecked at Clair siding, east of Glendyne, between Edmundson and Monk. The turning over while 13 others were piled up in the ditch.

## EARLDOMS CONFERRED ON HAIG AND BEATTIE

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Earldoms will be conferred on Field Marshal Haig and Vice-Admiral Beattie in recognition of their services during the war, according to the Mail. It is stated that Generals Horne, Pumer, Byng, Rawlinson, Birdwood and Allenby will be elevated to the peerage. The News paper says that these honors will probably be accompanied by grants of money. It is recalled that Lord Roberts received a parliamentary grant of £100,000 and that Lord Kitchener was given £50,000 after the South African war. These grants were in addition to the titles conferred upon them.

GENERAL CURRIE AND BYNG HONORED WITH 500 OTHER CANADIANS  
(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—A long list of military honors was gazetted tonight. Over 500 Canadians of all ranks were gazetted as having been mentioned in Haig's despatches. Knight commander of St. Michael and St. George, Lieut. General Sir A. W. Currie, K. C. K. C. M. G. commander Canadian corps headquarters, General Byng Canadian former commander, receives Knight Grand Cross St. Michael and St. George.

## HARRY LAUDER HEARD IN ST. JOHN

Famous Entertainer Sends Greetings to P. E. I.—May Come Here Later.

(Special to The Guardian)  
ST. JOHN, Jan. 2.—Harry Lauder spoke regarding reconstruction before 200 at the Canadian Club here today. This is the first point on his world tour.  
To a Guardian representative he said that he was sorry he could not visit P. E. Island but will book it on his way home. He has heard of the bonny island foxes and oysters and sends heartiest wishes for a happy New Year to all and also expresses the hope that the returned men will be well looked after.

## Britain to Purchase Belgium Congo

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Great Britain is about to purchase the Belgian Congo according to rumor current in Government circles after a visit to Buckingham Palace Saturday by M. M. De Lacroix and French Premier and Colonial Minister of Belgium, respectively. The price is said to be \$350,000,000. Belgium's debt to Great Britain is estimated by financiers to be less than \$500,000,000.

## Bolsheviki Advancing On Panic Stricken Riga

(Special to The Guardian)  
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.—Riga is panic-stricken over the advance of the Bolshevik forces which are but eight sea miles away and many families are fleeing the city, according to advices from Berlin. The Russian fleet will attempt to leave Kronstadt and meet the British in the Baltic. Two battleships and some cruisers manned by Estonians and Lithuanians tried to put out to sea recently but were fired upon from the Finnish coast and subsequently returned to Kronstadt.

## 270 Sailors Drowned Near Stornoway

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned today as the result of the loss of the British steam yacht *Lolaire*, off Stornoway, Scotland. The yacht had 300 sailors on board. They were on a New Year holiday leave. The vessel struck on the dangerous rocks known as the Beasts of Hell, near Stornoway Harbor and only about thirty of them were saved. Many of these were terribly injured in their efforts to reach the shore. All the officers and crew of the *Lolaire* were lost. The *Lolaire* was a vessel of 362 tons. She was built in 1902 and before the war belonged to the estate of the late Sir Donald Currie.

## Japan Will Stand For Open Door in East

(Special to The Guardian)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Japan will enter the Peace Conference pledged to a policy of peace and the open door in the far east in the maintenance of which she will welcome the co-operation of the Allies. Baron Nobuaki Makino of the Japanese Peace Commission declared on his arrival here today with fellow delegates, attaches and secretaries on the way to France.

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## CANADIANS IN THE NEW YEAR'S HONORS

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The New Year's honors include Chief Justice Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Justice Duff, Privy councillorships, and Premier Lloyd of Newfoundland and Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

ter, England 54 years ago. When about 27 years of age he went to Newfoundland, was second master of Bishop Field College, later becoming Vice-principal. He studied law and practised his profession. Mr. Lloyd entered the Newfoundland Parlia-

Right Hon. Sir Louis Henry Davies, K. C. M. G., of the Supreme Court of Canada was born in Prince Edward Island, May 4, 1845. He was called to the Bar in 1867 and was elected to the Legislature in 1872, becoming Premier of Prince Edward Island in 1876. In 1882 he was elected member of the House of Commons and when Sir Wilfrid Laurier came into power was made Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He went to the Supreme Court in 1901.

Hon. Lyman Poore Duff, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada was born in Meaford, Ont., Jan. 7, 1865. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1887 and later from the Ontario Law School. He taught school in Barrie Collegiate institute and then practised law in Victoria, B. C. He also practised in Fergus, Ont., for two years. He was made a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court in 1904 and received his present appointment two years later. He was one of the Counsel representing Canada before the Alaskan Boundary International Commission in 1903, sat with Sir Wm. Meredith to probe the charges against Wesley Allison and was the final Court in appeals from decisions of lower tribunals in the military service act.



RT. HON. SIR ROBERT BORDEN, K. C. M. G., P. C.

Premier Lloyd, Hon. F. Lloyd, Premier of Newfoundland for the past year, was born near Manchester in 1917 he became Attorney General

ment in 1904. Subsequently he was leader of the opposition. In the Coalition formed with Sir Edward Morris

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN'S MESSAGE TO CANADA

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Sir Robert Borden has addressed the following New Year's message to the Canadian people.  
To the People of Canada:—  
We enter the New Year upon the morrow of the most startling and significant events ever chronicled in the history of humanity. During the past two months great empires have been extinguished, governments with nationalities long held in bondage have been emancipated, new nations have been born, and with them untold international relationships, have sprung into existence. The victory which has been won by the forces of liberty and justice makes possible a higher and enduring victory which will secure to the desolated world the solemn and certain assurance of lasting peace.

Unless that assurance can be given and fulfilled our present civilization rests upon an unstable foundation. Centuries of slow, painful progress have culminated in a world wide struggle rendered infinitely more terrible by the advancement of science and by increased control over the forces which nature has placed at the disposal of mankind. The burdens which the future confronts us with are heavy but they are insignificant in comparison with the heritage which is ours. With solemn thankful hearts we invoke the blessing of peace, and in spite of all war-weariness, let us face the New Year with courage, with determination and with confidence. (Signed) Sir R. Borden.

## BOLSHEVIK ARMY BADLY BEATEN

(Special to The Guardian)  
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2.—A British naval squadron in a sea fight in the Baltic Sea has captured Nikolai Lenine's Minister of the Navy, Easokhinov.  
In capturing Perm in the Ural Mountains General Gaida, at the head of Czechoslovaks and his forces, virtually destroyed the Bolshevik third army, from which he took 31,000 prisoners. Gen. Gaida's troops captured an armored train from which Nikolai Lenine the Bolshevik Premier was directing operations in the

region of Perm Lenine himself escaped but several members of his party were taken prisoners.  
In addition to the 31,000 prisoners reported Gen. Gaida captured 5,000 railway cars 120 field guns, 100 machine guns, 40 automobiles, an entire wagon transport, armoured train and several thousand horses. That his manoeuvre was a complete surprise to the Bolshevik troops is proved by the fact that he captured several prominent Soviet leaders at the headquarters of the third Bolshevik army.

### REMEMBER

THAT THE Government—that is the people—if they are wise, will take proper care of the returned Soldier, and welcome him back to industrial life; will provide an adequate living pension to the wounded, that they can live on, not exist on; and make an equally sufficient provision for the fatherless, and the Widows.

THAT we individually are pledged to keep alive the two Greatest Private Charities in existence, "The Patriotic Fund" and "The Red Cross Society," while collectively we pay the taxes necessary to enable the Government to distribute its millions generously.

THAT we seek a blessing as individuals, not as tax-payers.

AND deserve it on the 6-13 January 1919.

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

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Westerly winds colder.  
Tide will be high this afternoon at 12 and tomorrow at 12.49; tonight at 11.05 and tomorrow at 11.54.  
Last quarter of moon Wednesday, Dec. 26th at 1.31 a. m.  
New moon Thursday, January 2nd Length of today nine hours and 3 minutes.

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