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Battle of Messines Ridge

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 10.—While still further German counter-attacks may be expected from time to time, the battle of Messines Ridge may be said to be ended. It stood out as a definite operation designed for certain purposes, and it remains to be seen whether other offensive battles have been planned in this particular sector of the western front.

The taking of Messines Ridge has robbed the Germans of the last commanding natural position they occupied for so long opposite the British lines—Bapaume and Vimy and Messines Ridge, as well as Monchy plateau; five miles east of Arras, have all been captured by the British during the last three months, and this has materially changed the military situation on this front.

In every phase of aerial work the British flyers at Messines dominated the situation. A flock of racy little one-seaters working at an altitude of approximately 20,000 feet kept the upper areas free of the German battle planes. In the lower strata at altitudes varying from three to five thousand feet scouts equipped with observers and wire less outfits reported every phase of the developing fight and gave ranges to within a few yards of battery positions and points at which reserves were moving.

Below these men perfect swarms of heavy fighting machines, equipped with bombs and machine guns, hovered a few feet from the ground and worked deadly execution with bomb and machine gun. They were specially effective in destroying observation posts and various staff headquarters of individual units. One daring flyer swooped down upon an automobile containing five German staff officers and a driver and with well placed shot wiped out all six.

So intense was the British barrage, and so much more deadly than the German artillery fire that the British aviators, instead of working behind their own barrage, crossed clear above it and sought safety back of the German lines, themselves keeping well beyond the line of the approaching British curtain fire.



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The Crisis!

Untold sacrifices are being made in defence of the world's liberty, assailed by the Hun, who declares he fights for "existence." Let us not forget that other crisis in which the fate of the dread Liquor Traffic, subdued just now by the necessities of war, is also fighting for existence.

Prohibition must be impregnably fortified now by means of proper enforcement in readiness for the struggle to come when Prohibition must be finally ratified or lost by the votes of the people in many provinces, including New Brunswick.

Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have adopted Prohibition during the war. Prince Edward Island has enjoyed its benefits since 1901. The great majority of districts in Quebec are "dry." That is the situation to-day, but remember, the crisis comes after the war.

The total value of foodstuffs destroyed by the liquor traffic in 1916 was approximately \$4,244,090.22. Add to this the immense waste of transportation facilities, clogged and hindered by carrying the grain to destruction, and again conveying the product of the breweries and distilleries to make precious men less efficient in this solemn hour!

Ontario's Splendid Record

Since September 16, 1916, Ontario has enjoyed good enforcement of Prohibition in all but a few districts. Not the most daring anti-prohibitionist hopes for a return of the curse of the traffic in Ontario. Here are some figures showing results in Ontario's largest cities for the last three months of 1915 and 1916:

ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS

	Under License 1915	Under Prohibition 1916
Toronto	2,908	953
Ottawa	286	234
Hamilton	498	61
London	367	144
Brantford	152	16

Note.—"It will be noted that Ottawa has not much reduction in arrests for drunkenness. It is perhaps strange that it should show any reduction in the drunkenness record, inasmuch as it is separated only by the river from the license city of Hull."—PIONEER, Toronto.

Whether your district be under the new Provincial Prohibitory Law, or under the Canada Temperance Act, help us to arouse the full force of public opinion for vigilant enforcement of province-wide Prohibition.

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Bestowal is Said to Endanger Growth of Imperialism

Under the caption "Not Statesmanlike," the Ottawa Journal has the following to say on hereditary titles: "There is a sharp contrast between London and Canadian press comment on the bestowal of hereditary titles upon men in this country. The organ of the London Times and Daily Mail finds a strange echo in Canada. The creation of Canadian peers means an important, possibly an epoch-making change in the life of Canada. It implies a fundamental, a constitutional re-arrangement. No one sincerely friendly to the imperial scheme, properly worked out, can be satisfied to hail with enthusiasm a first step in the progress which arouses no enthusiasm and very considerable opposition in Canada. It is too poor a brand of imperial statesmanship which must offend the people of the Dominion at the very outset."

"If we are going to start Imperial reconstruction on the assumption that life in Canada must be changed in a reactionary way so as to accompany the new system, the people of Canada at least deserve an opportunity to express an opinion of the question before drastic action is taken. Imperial reconstruction by that process can only succeed in spite of the method adopted, and the idea will inspire little enthusiasm in this country. True hyperinflation in Canada would be unworthy of the great task before the Empire, if they did not raise their voices at this time in emphatic protest against a course of action which directly into the hands of every jingoist agitation and every high element in Canada."

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