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Government Accused of Trying to Steal Election---Appeal From That Province For Assistance in Offsetting Corrupt Work in Connection with Soldier's Votes

Ottawa, July 18 .- According to a ture scrutiny by the courts. telegram received today by Sir Wil- F. W. Welsh, president of the Con frid Laurier from F. C. Wade, K. C., servative Association of Vancouver Vancouver, the Bowser government is and chairman of the building commit planning to manipulate the soldiers' tee of the Vancouver school board, vote abroad in the coming provincial who has just been required to retire election in a most unscrupulous and because of damaging evidence brought arbitrary manner. Mr. Wade tele against him in connection with the graphed to Sir Wilfrid urging that recent investigation in regard to the steps be taken at Ottawa if possible, public funds, has been sent to Engor through Ottawa, to the War Office, land by the Bowser government to to protect as far as possible the Lib assist Sir Richard McBride in looking eral opposition in British Columbia after the voting. against the stealing of the elections through the tampering with the sold- says: iers' ballots.

Liberals of British Columbia to at once tion of the soldiers' vote to save themsend a representative to London to selves. Both the election act and the make representations to the War Of- Welsh appointment are most scanfice for an equal status with the pro- dalous. An examination of the act will vincial agents who are now on their convince you that it is to be used iming of the soldiers' vote.

the Military Forces Voting Act, passed not be drafted. Voting begins on Aug. that province now overseas.

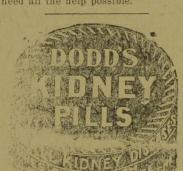
sion to take the votes of the soldiers perate and unscrupulous enemy and still in Great Britain, but has refused need all the help possible." permission so far as the troops actually at the front are concerned. Under the British Columbia act, the agent general of the province in London, Sir Richard McBride, has control of all the arrangements in connection with the balloting, and can appoint as many officers as he likes for holding polls.

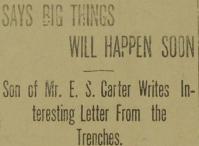
The Liberal opposition is given the right of nominating only one scrutineer for the whole of Great Britain, and he ca nonly appear at the counting of the ballots and not during the

In his telegram Mr. Wade further

"The government are hopelessly de-Sir Wilfrid has replied advising the feated locally, and rely on manipulaway overseas in arranging for the tak- properly and unjustly, and it is unfair that the soldiers should be subjected Mr. Wade in his telegram says that to it. A more outrageous act could

by the British Columbia legislature 3 and lasts six weeks. The matter is just before dissolution, provides for of the extremest importance to us, and the taking of votes of soldiers from is perhaps serious enough for consideration by the National Liberal Advis-The War Office has given permis- ory Council. We are fighting a des-





(St. John Telegraph.)

In a letter from Belgium dated July Private George E. Carter, son of Mr. E. S. Carter, of Fairvale, of the Princess Pats, speaks of having received correspondence of four weeks in one batch" which he was reading in

ept three days of rain, consequently hree days of our stay, but on the other two he mixed matters up a lit le with artillery and 'sausages,' 'rum jars,' etc., not very bad however. "I read a lot of Pickwick papers while in the trenches. It will interest you to know that on my way in ye were an hour early, so stopped by a battery, and whom did I run across out Tom Gorman. He looks very fit. 'We have had news, as no doubt ou have long ere this reaches you, the British bombardment. While the line I had specimens of this on

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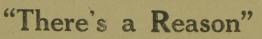
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ourself on the back.

(London Answers.) to action at Bray, near Mons, at 11.15 When and where did we fire the a.m. on August 22, and the case first shot in the great war? On sea the first shell it fired is now in Eng. the ball was probably opened by the land

Grafton, which about midnight on First Victims of Poison Gas. August 4th, 1914, put a shot across When was gas first used? The can the bows of a German barque in the liest record is 5, a.m. on April 22 North Sea, made her crew prisoners 1915, when the Germans released in and seized her as a prize of war. in the northern sector of the Ypres But the honor of landing the first salient, and among the first if not the blow on sea fell to the Amphion, first of the units to get the "benefit" which on August 5, 1914, sank the Ger- was the Second London Heavy Batman mine layer Koenigen Luise. tery, Royal Garrison Artillery (terri The Amphion herself was sunk by torials), some of the men of which a mine on the following day, and was were "gassed."

the first of our losses. We did not score against German warships pro-Here is another hotly disputed point -which regiment gained the first Vic per, however, till August 9, 1914, when toria Cross? The Royal Engineers the Birmingham sent the U-15 to the say the record is theirs, and both an officer and a lance corporal in that

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Dragoon Guards in the Lead. famous corps certainly won the cov-In land operations our first shot eted distinction on August 23, 1914. was "fired on August 20, 1914, by the" The officer was Capt. Theodore regiment was the first to begin killing Wright, who at Mons attempted un-Cermans. This took place at Hermi- der heavy fire to connect up the line gines at about 5 a.m. on August 22, to demolish a bridge, and though he

when a part of C squadron opened fire on a number of the enemy at a dis-tance of about 600 yards. The first Hun to fall was an officer. It seems clear, further, that on this occasion the Fourth Dragoons not toria Cross for great gallantry at Jem only took the first prisoners, but fired mapes.

the first machine guns used on our But the Royal Engineers were run side in the war. very close by both the Fifteenth Hus-As regards the first shell fired on sars and the Fourth Battery, and the

land there is some dispute, both E Royal Fusiliers, to each of which fell Battery and D Battery, Royal Horse a Victoria Cross on August 23, 1915 Artillery, claiming the record. The In all, the most prized of military de-évidence in favor of the former, how- corations was won four times on that ever, is much the stronger. It went in- fateful day.

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