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## CANADIANS CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Penetrated German Line to a Depth of  
300 Yards on a Front of 700 Yards—  
Men From a Central Ontario Battalion  
Took Part--Huns Offered Very Little  
Resistance.

(By Stewart Lyon.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, July 23. — A remarkably successful minor operation which resulted in the capture of sixty prisoners and the infliction of serious losses on the Germans in killed and wounded was carried out early this morning by the Canadians in the region southeast of Avion. The force engaged was a central Ontario battalion.

The German line was penetrated to a depth of over five hundred yards along a front of seven hundred yards. A large number of enemy dugouts containing many men which had been constructed on both sides of a twenty-foot railway embankment stretching between Avion and Metcourt were successfully bombed. In order to reach these dugouts the attacking forces consisting largely of men who had not hitherto taken part in an assault had to find their way in the darkness through groups of wrecked houses, a tangle of enemy wire cutting the past few days by our artillery and a brickyard.

#### Gas Masks Used.

To add to the difficulties of the men a barrage of gas shells was put on by the enemy as they went over the trench tops and continued as they advanced, which made it necessary for them to wear gas masks during the attack. Under the conditions prevailing advance would have been impossible had the men not been carefully instructed by scouts as to the obstacles they would have to encounter and the means of getting around or over them. The colonel of the regiment himself assisted before the attack in placing white tape to mark the practicable paths through the enemy wire which at this point of the Oppy-Mercourt line is very wide.

Thus aided, the assaulting waves, protected by an excellent barrage from our guns, had little resistance to overcome until they passed the enemy's first line trenches where the attacking forces encountered fierce resistance and had to fight their way forward with bombs and bayonets.

When the embankment was reached the occupants of the dugouts were called on to surrender. Only a few of them did so, the remainder, preferring to take their chances below. The men who made this choice had only been in Lens for a day, having come from the Russian front. They did not know that the means now used in destroying dugouts is so effective that few occupants escape.

#### No Time to Argue.

Our men had no time to argue the matter or to descend and explore the dugouts from which armed Germans were beginning to swarm out. Bombs were thrown into the entrances and explosions followed.

Gathering up the wounded raiders our men returned toward their own lines, leaving outposts behind with instructions to fall back in heavy counter-attacks.

The enemy in force attacked these outposts at dawn and they were withdrawn to a point in the northern part of Avion, from which the raiders set out.

#### Few Escaped.

Prisoners state that there were many men in the destroyed dugouts and relatively few could have escaped in the short time between sounding of the alarm on bells kept at their entrance and their destruction. The enemy casualties must be up in the hundreds while our own were little more than the number of prisoners taken.

## SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT

Ex-Minister of the Interior Who Has Been  
Working Quietly Now Comes Out in  
the Open--Has Addressed an Open  
Letter to the Liberal Leader in the Sen-  
ate--Wants Liberal Senators to Give a  
Reprieve to Coalition.

Ottawa, July 23. — Sir Clifford Sifton, Sir Robert Borden's Warwick of the 1911 campaign, emerged tonight from behind the scenes, where he has been industriously exploiting for some months past the union government idea, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier left out of the equation. The ex-minister of the interior has issued an open letter to Senator Bostock, Liberal leader in the senate, imploring him to get the Liberals in the upper house, as a court of last resort, to give a reprieve to coalition.

The last rites were practically performed on the "coalition" or "union" government child last Friday when the Liberal members and candidates in Ontario, without a dissenting voice decided that coalition under Premier Borden was impracticable and undesirable. Since then a sort of bitter despair has settled down upon the government ranks, who have been hoping to the last that the Liberals in the house, who had endorsed the conscription principle, would finally consent to some form of coalition, leaving Sir Wilfrid Laurier out of it entirely.

Tonight the drowning men are grasping at two straws. One straw is that thrown out by the small group in Toronto who call themselves the "Win the War Association." A few men posing as Liberals and arrogat-

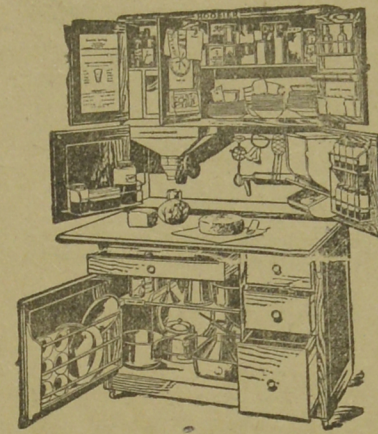
ing to themselves the right to speak for "the great mass of win the war Liberals" have called a convention in Toronto for week after next to revive the union government idea and to repudiate the stand taken by the federal Liberal members and candidates. This convention is not taken seriously by Liberal members here or by the rank and file of the party throughout the province.

#### Sir Clifford's Call.

The other straw is that thrown out tonight by Sir Clifford Sifton. He, too, calls for eleventh hour action to effect a union government administered on non-party lines, which government, he believes, should at once appeal to the people for a mandate of conscription. The ex-minister does not deal with the practical difficulties in the way of choosing candidates and getting Liberals and Conservatives all over the country to unite on a common candidate in each constituency. Nor does he deal at all with the problem of meeting the serious conditions which would arise from ignoring Quebec entirely in his union government proposals and from attempting to enforce measures to which that province, together with many other sections of the dominion, will not consent.

His letter is, in essence, a call to English-speaking Liberals to divorce themselves from Sir Wilfrid Laurier who, he asserts, is dominated by the anti-war party of Quebec and to whom he will give practically no credit for really wanting to win the war.

Sir Clifford has been pulling many wires behind the scenes for weeks past. He is now out in the open against Sir Wilfrid and against practically all the other Liberals in the



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## VON HERTLING DECLINED IT

Berlin, Sunday, July 22 (via London). —The Taeghische Rundschau states that Count George F. Von Hertling, the Bavarian Premier, after declining the Imperial Chancellorship, suggested that Dr. George Michaelis, afterwards named, be appointed to the place.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung disputes this assertion, claiming that the appointment of the new Chancellor was the result of the recommendation of his predecessor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

#### Visiting Motor Parties.

A motoring party composed of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sullivan and Mr. Payton Fairweather arrived yesterday by motor and registered at the Queen. Another party at the Queen was composed of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Miss Hazel Margison, Carol W. Brown and Miss Vera L. Brown of Centreville, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and child of Campbellton, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dun of Bangor, Me., arrived last evening.

Mrs. John Akerley and son, Willie, of St. John, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Merritt at Barker's Point the past ten days, returned home this morning.

Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., of Woodstock, is at the Queen today.

## MARYSVILLE NEWS

Marysville, July 24. — Mrs. S. J. Hallett and Miss Zula Hallett have returned from visiting relatives in New York.

Mrs. Alfred White is confined to her home, quite seriously ill. Privates Amos Pond, Archie Pond and Alfred Shanks of the Forestry Battalion, at present stationed at Sussex, are home on leave for a few days.

Mr. Fred McConnell of Centreville is visiting relatives here.

house insofar as a union government proposal under present conditions is concerned.

## A POLITICAL CRISIS IN PERU

Lima, Peru, July 24.—The Peruvian cabinet resigned today. The ministers, however, will remain at their posts until July 27, pending the formation of a new ministry.

#### Terrible Heat at Boston.

Sergeant Major J. J. Hanlon of this city, who went to Boston recently with a party of rejected recruits, returned today. He reports the heat at the Hub to be terrible and cases of heat prostration numerous. In some cases people have died in the streets from the heat.

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