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## BEST TRADITIONS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS ARE WONDERFULLY UPHELD

### Lines Overrun by Swarming Legions of Huns Were Promptly Regained---The Splendid Work of French Reinforce- ments---Bitter Fighting Continues.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 27.—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France this evening, Reuter's correspondent says: "Never has the traditional quality of British steadfastness been more wonderfully illustrated than now. Time and time again troops have been overwhelmed and overrun by swarming legions and as often they have managed to emerge and regain their line. What would be regarded as consummate facts of skill in field manoeuvres are being constantly performed in the most grim struggle. One of the dramatic incidents was when our most weary troops, while striving to prevent the Germans from securing a crossing on the Somme, French reinforcements arrived, and without hesitation poured in among the British, infusing fresh vigor and saving the situation."

### GERMANS INITIAL SUCCESS IS ATTRIBUTED TO WONDERFUL CONCENTRATION OF ARTILLERY

"Men now returning from the battle line are many of them so dog-weary that they do not remember where they came from or what day of the week it is, but in this respect this situation is improving steadily as reserves are moving into position."

"Prisoners attribute the German success to the wonderful concentration of artillery, the full advantage of which they are losing. At various places the enemy is most reluctant to occupy evacuated positions. Whether they are afraid of traps or of being shelled to rags is only conjecturable."

Now that we are operating in the open, our great superiority in mechanical transport is giving us the advantage of mobility over the enemy. The back areas are teeming with motor masses packed with soldiers speeding to the front.

Today's fighting has been of the bitterest character along most of the front, but the latest reports indicate less movement than heretofore, probably due to the German infantry outstepping the artillery."

### THE GERMANS CONTINUE FURIOUS ONSLAUGHT IN REGION OF VILLAGES OF NOYON AND ROYE

British Army Headquarters in France, March 27.—The Germans last night continued their furious onslaught south-westward from Ham against the Allied defences in the region of Roye and Noyon, having slowed down in their attempt to cut through the British line further north, where such desperate resistance was offered.

The Germans have now reclaimed virtually all the territory they held at the beginning of the battle of the Somme in 1916. At some places they have not retaken all the old ground, but at other points they have overstepped it somewhat.

### Not Fooled by Huns.

Washington, March 27.—Newspapers in the European countries are not allowing themselves to be misled by German accounts of the battle on the western front, according to official despatches today from France. The German communiques at the time of the Verdun assault are remembered, the despatch says, and Swiss papers are quoted as pointing out that the British line has not been broken, and the number of prisoners taken by Germans is not surprising in an action of such magnitude.

## THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 27.—A vigorous rally from yesterday's late recession attended today's early stock dealings. Ralls led the advance, coalers and Pacifics rising large fractions to 1½ points. Shippings were variable, Atlantic Gulf gaining 1¼, while Marine preferred temporarily forfeited a point. Equipments showed material improvement, notably crucible and U. S. Steels and specialties were featured by alcohol and distillers at gains of one to almost two points. Trading in Liberty Bonds was relatively light, with steady sale.

## HAS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Ottawa, March 26.—The Journal today says: "Col. Samuel Sharpe, commander of the Central Ontario Battalion and member of parliament for North Ontario, has suffered a nervous breakdown and is in a hospital in England. His condition is not considered serious."

## STEEL PLATES FOR SHIPYARDS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 27.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: Construction of a plant for the rolling of steel plates, the output of which will be sufficient to meet the demands of the shipyards of the Dominion for some years to come, will begin at Sydney, C. B., almost immediately as a result of arrangements completed to-day between Hon. C. O. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and the Dominion Iron and Steel Corporation.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, March 27.—Casualties among Maritime men are announced as follows:

Infantry.  
Gassed—Sgt. G. W. London, St. John, N. B.  
Ill—R. B. Scott, Stanley, N. B.  
Artillery.  
Gassed—W. H. Mackenzie, Point de Bute, N. B.

## ST. F. X. WON THE DEBATE FROM U. N. B.

Decision of Three Judges was  
Unanimous—Winners Sup-  
ported Negative of a  
Resolution.

The debating team of St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N. S., won by unanimous decision of the three judges here last night from the team of the University of New Brunswick. The debate took place in the City Opera House before a large audience. Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the U.N.B. was in the chair.

The subject was: "Resolved that uniform wage legislation should be enacted for the employees of the mines, workshops, factories and stores of Canada."

The U.N.B. team which supported the affirmative was composed of R. R. Snodgrass, H. E. Barnett and R. V. Ward. The St. Francis Xavier team which supported the negative was composed of D. MacIntyre, T. H. McEvoy and M. R. Robillard. The judges were Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P. P., Professor L. A. Forsythe of King's College, Windsor, and Prof. Liddy of Mount Allison University, Sackville. The respective leaders were Messrs. Snodgrass and McEvoy.

A large audience was in attendance. After the debate the visitors were entertained at supper by the U.N.B.

### On St. John Bills.

Warden Gidding, Coun. O'Brien, Coun. Bryant and County Secretary-Treasurer J. King Kelley of the municipality of the City and County of St. John, are in the city in connection with St. John bills which have been before the legislature.

## VALLEY RAILWAY REPORT BROUGHT DOWN IN HOUSE

### Contains a Lot of Information---Prudential Trust Company's Famous Loan to Mr. A. R. Gould is Referred to---Where did the Money go.?

The report of the Chief Engineer and Directors of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company was submitted to the Legislature on Tuesday afternoon. It stated among other things that the road is completed from Centreville to Gagetown, and all right of way claims settled except sixteen. It also stated that the cost of the Gagetown-Westfield section will be half a million dollars greater than the first estimate furnished the late board.

Following are some interesting extracts from the report:

The Saint John and Quebec Railway is completed between Centreville and Gagetown and the whole of the work has been paid for. The rights of way have been settled with the exception of sixteen cases, twelve of which are through the city of Fredericton.

The Canadian Government Railways were provided with terminals at Fredericton and it was not necessary that our company should provide such facilities. An arrangement has been made for the use of terminals jointly and our company has agreed to pay the interest at 6 per cent, per annum on half the cost of same, amounting to \$22,012. The Government Railways also were provided with shops at Gibson which were quite sufficient to take care of the business of the Valley Railway, and we have agreed to pay 6 per cent, on \$60,000, the estimated cost of the same.

### Subsidy Paid.

The Saint John and Quebec Railway has received from the Dominion Government the full subsidy for the railway between Gagetown and Centreville, and from the Prudential Trust Company that part of the trust fund applicable to this section.

The railway is being operated by the Government Railways under an interim agreement by which the Dominion pays to the company 40 per cent, of the gross receipts. The amount paid under this agreement from April 1, 1915, to September 30, 1917, totals \$75,407.

The railway between Gagetown and Westfield will, it is expected, be finished and ready for operation during the coming season. The estimated cost of this section is \$240,708.

The company has received from the Dominion Government on account of subsidy for the railway between Gagetown and Westfield, \$116,236, and when this portion is finished there will be due an additional subsidy of \$126,413. From the Prudential Trust Co. there has been paid since the present board was appointed, on account of this section of the road, \$80,957.

When we took charge we found that the Prudential Trust Co. had advanced \$597,549 out of the trust fund, over and above the amount properly applicable

## German Offensive Shows Signs of Slackening Up

### ST JOHN BILLS AGREED TO WITH ONE EXCEPTION

The Municipalities Committee met this morning and approved of the bill to amend the act relating to the paving of streets in the city of St. John, with one or two slight amendments. It was suggested by Mr. Baxter that they also approve of the bill authorizing the issue of bonds to provide purchase money for the building intended to be used as the Children's Shelter; also the bill relating to the power house plant and laundry in the General Public Hospital which was done.

The bill relating to double-tracking of Union street by the Power Company was laid over for consideration at a later date.

Several Moncton bills were laid over until tomorrow, in order that representatives from the city might be present in support of same.

### Are at the Queen.

Messrs. M. R. Robillard, D. McIntyre, K. L. Brown and T. H. McEvoy of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S., are guests at the Queen Hotel. Messrs. McEvoy, McIntyre and Robillard are the St. Francis debaters.

### House to Adjourn.

In all probability the Legislature will adjourn tomorrow evening till Tuesday next so as to allow the members to spend their Easter holidays at home.

## The Enemy Weakened by Heavy Losses, Has Been Obligated to Slow up---Work of French Troops Beyond all Praise--- Fighting on the Somme.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, March 27.—Last night the German advance was held up everywhere, according to the official statement of the War Office today, which follows:

"Last evening and during the night the Germans, weakened by their heavy losses, were compelled to retard their efforts. The valiance of the French troops in defending the ground foot by foot is beyond all praise. The French soldiers are holding a line running through L'Eschelle, St. Aurin and Bouvraignes, north of Lassigny, in front of the southern part of Noyon, and along the left bank of the Oise. During the night the French repulsed strong reconnoitering parties which attempted to approach their positions northwest of Noyon."

"On the remainder of the front there was an intermittent bombardment."

### BRITISH TROOPS REPULSED HEAVY ATTACK MADE ON NEW LINE SOUTH OF THE SOMME

LONDON, March 27.—A heavy attack was made early in the night against the new British line south of the Somme. It was repulsed after severe fighting, the War Office announces.

In consequence of attacks yesterday afternoon and evening astride the Somme, the British troops on both banks were compelled to withdraw a short distance in neighborhood of Bray. The announcement follows:

"As a result of the enemy's attacks yesterday afternoon and evening astride the Somme, our troops on both banks were forced back a short distance in the neighborhood of Bray. A heavy attack in the night against our new line south of the Somme was repulsed after severe fighting. Further local fighting has taken place north and northeast of Albert, but the situation on this part of the front remains unchanged."

### FIELD MARSHAL HAIG CALLS UPON HIS TROOPS TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO REPEL THE ENEMY

Field Marshal Haig has issued the following special order of the day dated March 23:

"To all ranks of the British army in Flanders: We are again at a crisis in the war. The enemy has collected on this front every available division and is aiming at the destruction of the British. We have already inflicted on the enemy, in the course of the last few days, a very heavy loss, and the French are sending troops as quickly as possible to our support. I feel that every one in the army, fully realizing how much depends on the exertions and steadfastness of each one of us, will do his utmost to prevent the enemy from attaining his object."

### Wounded Reach London.

London, March 27.—Four train loads of wounded officers and men from the battle front in France reached London last night. As they were being transferred to ambulances, crowds cheered and threw flowers. The wounded responded smilingly to these greetings. "What was it like?" was asked of one wounded man. "Oh, Fritz just rained shells on us like a hail-storm," was the reply.

## HALIFAX HEROES WILL RECEIVE ALBERT MEDAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 27.—The Albert medal, struck in gold, has been posthumously awarded a Canadian commander, T. K. Triggs, of the Royal Navy, and the Albert Medal has also been awarded to Able Seaman Wm. Becker for gallantry in saving life at sea in connection with the recent Halifax disaster.

Both recipients formed part of the crew of seven aboard a whaler belonging to the warship Highflyer, and went to rescue the crew of the Ino which was only three hundred yards from the Mont Blanc, after the collision, and notwithstanding the explosion aboard the Mont Blanc was known to be imminent. All the crew of the whaler were hoisted up except Becker, who swam to the Dartmouth shore.

As he could learn, no estimate was made before construction was begun, but nine months afterwards the engineer reported that the estimated cost of grading would be \$907,265, which the present chief engineer estimates is \$290,000 less than will be required to finish the work. Another \$48,000 must be added to the estimate of \$74,701 for rip-rap. Adding \$187,000 to the original estimate of \$121,754 for bridge substructure, the total amount required to complete these portions of the work will be \$531,000 greater than the estimate furnished the late board.

## DEFAULTER SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Sarnia, Ont., March 26.—Louis Lavere will spend the next three months at Burwash prison camp. On a charge of being a defaulter and refusing to answer questions, he was fined \$50 by Magistrate Gorman today with the option of three months at Burwash. He was unable to pay. When approached by the Dominion Police he became insolent and refused to give his name or age. After spending a night in the cells he stated that he was 28 years of age and had been in Canada sixteen months and gave Fall River, Mass., as his home.

## MANY BOYS FOR FARM WORK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 25.—Announcement is made by the Canada Food Board that as a result of enrollment week for soldiers of the soil, over twenty thousand boys have been secured in Ontario and the four western provinces. If Quebec and the eastern provinces do as well, 35,000 boys will be available as workers on Canadian farms.