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MORE PRISONERS FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE CANADIAN TROOPS

British Troops Have an Acknowledged Superiority in Air Fighting---Enemy **Resorting More Persistently to the** Use of Gas.

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Corr. in Flanders.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, March 11 .--- Since the last big raid, as detailed in my despatches, more prisoners have fallen into our hands. The history of doings of the front re-cently has been one of slowly increasing activity. With the ad-vent of fine spring weather ther has been constant fighting in the air, in which the British machines have gained an acknow-ledged superiority. No fewer than eighteen enemy airplanes have been brought down in one day. As the enemy is inferior in the air, so the winter record of trench raiding finds the bal-ance strongly in favor of Canada, and our guns dominate. fallen into our hands. The history of doings of the front re-

A hostile party of six which attempted to raid one of our posts south of Lens yesterday morning was driven off with machine gun fire, leaving one wounded prisoner. While the enemy was failing in his raid, a patrol of one officer and a score of ar ranks of an eastern Ontario battalion was encountering a bostile scout party. It drove it back in disorder towards the German lines and captured one prisoner.

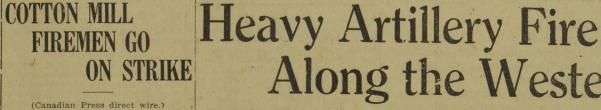
HUNS DISCHARGED TWO THOUSAND ROUNDS OF GAS SHELLS AT THE CANADIAN TRENCHES

Another patrol with double its number bombed its way back to our trenches, inflicting losses on the Hun and sustaining no casualties itself.

With trench warfare so strikingly in our favor, the enemy is resorting more persistently to the use of gas. Yesterday morning he opend a concentrated gas bambordment against our nes west and south of Mericourt. In the bombardment, lastis resorting more persistently to the use of gas. Yesterday morning he opend a concentrated gas bambordment against our ing two hours, it is estimated that he fired about two thousand rounds of gas shells, consisting of all calibres up to 15 cm. with a percentage of shrapnel also.

SUCCESSFUL RAID, WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE BRITISH, SAYS TODAY'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN

LONDON, March 11 .--- "A successful raid in which several of the enemy were killed or taken prisoner, an dtwo machine guns captured, was carried out by us last night south of St Quentin," says the official statement of Field Marshal Haig today. "A party of the enemy which approached our lines northwest of La Bassee was driven off by artillery and machine gun fire." This is the first report of any British activity on the line south of St. Quentin since the British took over the sector from the French several weeks ago. Previously the British front had extended only to St. Quentin.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Fall River, Mass., Marc 11.--Most of the cotton mills here were in operation the cotton mills here were in operation today notwithstanding a strike of union firemen which became effective last night. Reports to the Manufac-turers' Association showed that the plants of the American Print Company and the American Thread Co. were closed, but that in other mills the places of the strikers had been filled. Strike leaders reported that over: Strike leaders reported that every ion man had remained away from

places of the strikers had been filled. Strike leaders reported that every union man had remained away from work and that every mill was feeling the effect of the walk-out. The strike was called Saturday after the Manufacturers' Association had de-cline dto grant demands for a closed shop and shorter hours. Death at Fredericton Junction. Leonard Mersereau died at Freder-icton Junction Sunday, agted seventy-seven years. He was one of the prom-inent citizens of that place and highly respected by all who knew him, hav-ing served many years as secretary of the Fredericton Junction school board. He is survived by four sons, David W. Mersereau, M.P.P., Leonard in the Canadian west; Harry, in Cape Bre-

Dumfries Man Killed in Action.

COOPERATION PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS

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RECALLS FIGHT

IN MANILA BAY

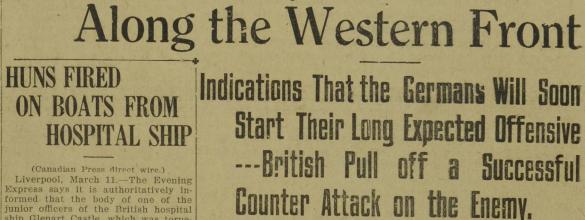
Windsor, Ont., March 11.—Four car-loads of potatoes from New Brunswick

have just arrived here. The price in New Brunswick was 65 cents a bushel,

but the rate here is about 50 cents a

Food Board and Provincial Departments the British positions. The enmy occupied a number of posts. of Agriculture.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)



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With the British Army in France and Belgium, Sunday, March 10.— Heavy artillery fire was proceeding at various points along the tense British and German battle lines today, but ther has been no infantry action of importance since yesterday morning, when the British, in a violent counter attack. hurled the Grmans from the posts they succeeded in capturing in the region of Poelderhoek region Friday evening.

The British defences here and south of the Houtholst for est, where the Germans also succeeded in taking a trench on Friday morning, have been re-established , completely after severe fighting in which the Germans lost heavily.

Late John W. Godard. At an early hour this morning John W. Godard, a well known commission following an illness of a month's dur-ptation. Born in St. John sixty-three wars ago. Mr. Godard lived there all his life and he had a most successful business career. He leaves to mourn his widow, one son, A. J. Godard of St. John, and four daughters. Mrs. K. Sanford, of Walpole N. H., Mrs. L. A. Acheson and Misses Vera and Frances at home. Three sisters Mrs. S. D. Hunter, Mrs. R. D. Taylor of St. John, and Mrs. R. D. Taylor of Predericton, also survive. Mindsor, Ort. Mord. Muscr, Ort. Mord. Further south attacks were but apologies for what the Ger-

positions. A strong attack had also been planned for February 28, against the important high ground held by the British in he region of Polderhoek and southwest of that place.

A prisoner taken by the British is said to have divulged the German plans. The British artillery effectively prevented the carrying out of this programme, and later German prisoners said their regiments had been paraded and informed that the attack had been postponed because the British had learned of it. They said the attack had ben put off until March 8.

THE OFFICERS OF A BRITISH COMPANY BURIED BY ENEMY SHELLFIRE, BUT NOT ONE OF THEM HURT

Thursday the British gunners put down a terrific barrage and the Germans did not attempt to advance. Friday evening, Basis of an Agreement Made Between the however, they moved against Poelderhoek ridge under a smoke along a narrow front, and a hard fight followed.

Early Saturday morning the British organized a counterattack which was without the desird result. A second counter attack was completely successful

THE COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY **IS STEADILY CLIMBING UPWARD**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The cost of living in Germany is increasing at the rate of 42 per cetn. a year, requiring the average German family to go into debt for thenecessaries of life. According to figures gathered by the Minister of Agriculture and the Canada food board to cooper-Bu: cau of Labor Statistics, average expenditures of families having incomes ate on their behalf with these provincial governments. ranging from 100 to 200 marks is 22.05 marks. Rigid economy is practiced everywhere and the average family only spends twenty-six cents a month pletion and application. Onlario has set for itself an objective for amusements.

NOTRE DAME MARITIME MEN WAS IN DANGER IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, March 11.—Fire this morn ing destroyed property valued at \$25 ood in the warehouses of Samuel Fish-er & Co., St. Sulphis street, engineers' supplies. The firemen had a hard task preventing the flames reaching Notre Dame Church, which was seriously threatened at one time.

Big Blaze at Saskatoon. Saskatoon, March 11.—J. H. Ash-down's wholesale hardware house was tota by destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

MESSAGE OF

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, March 11.—Casualties am-ong Maritime men are thus reported: Killed in action—W. B. Smith, Fred-ericton, N. B.; C. Parent, Lower Dum-fries, N. B. LAWYERS WELL REPRESENTED IN Wounded-J. W. Mahoney, St. John;

A. M. McLeod, Victoria, N. S. Gassed—H. C. Buck, Upper Dorches

ter, N. B.; G. M. Daniels, address not stated.

Ill-G. S. Keating, Truro.

CLERGYMAN

OTTAWA, March 11.-The general basis of plans for co-

operation between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Canada food board on the one hand and the Depart- three direct hits from German heavy guns and the building ments of Agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova was demolished over the heads of the entire staff. When the Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in an extensive and intensive infantry had cleared away the debris it was found that not a campaign for greater production in 1918 were agreed upon at single officer had been injured, although some of them were the recent conference of provincial ministers of Agriculture at suffering from shell shock. Ottawa.

Dr. James W. Robertson was appointed by the Dominion

Definite plans of organization are now in process of comof one million additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops, and also the greatest possible production per acre on all cultivated land. Quebec will do her best to pass her objective of six hundred thousand additional acres.

The thre Maritime Provinces are depended upon for increased crops to the extnt of four hundred thousand acres, or an increase of five acres per farm on the average.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 11 .--- One-third of the members of the new House of Commons five their professions as lawyers. Of the remainder one-sixth are farmers; one-tenth each physicians, merchants and manufacturers and one-fourteenth brokers and agents. The occupations, according to figures compiled by W. F. O'Connor, general returning officer, are:

Barristers, 73, notaries, 4; conveyances, 1; physicians, 23; veterinaries, 2; dentists, 1; farmers, 39; rancher, 1; publishers and journalists, 11; educationists, 2; manufacturers, 23; lum-Montreal, March 11.—Rev. Richard ber operators, 7; contractors, 2; merchants, 22; brokers and Montreal, March 11.—Rev. Richard ber operators, 7; contractors, 2; merchants, 22; brokers and societies in Quebec have sent a cable of sympathy to Mrs. John Redmond. died here yesterday. His entire life in a ministerial capacity was spent in the province of Quebec. He was 78 contractors of the Catholic churches for the province of Quebec. He was 78 contractors of the House who have served in the war. others in the House who have served in the war.

One of the freaks of the war occurred near Poelderhoek on Friday. The headquarters of a British company sustained Shind Id. and a faith

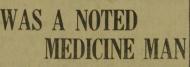
Roads Becoming Dry and Dusty.

This has been another magnificent day. The balmy weather of the past few days, which might properly belong to April or May, has brought out the leaves of the pussy willows and many woodland flowers. The ground still contains some frost, but the roads are dry and dusty.

THE NEW YORK HONORS FOR **STOCK MARKET CANADIANS**

(Canadian Press "direct wire.)

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, March 11.—Coppers fur-nished the basis of strength at the firm but dull opening of today's stock mar-ket. Anaconda and inspiration gained a point each, Mexican Petroleum and Southern Railway preferred scored similar advances, and coal shares in-dicated further accumulation under lead of Reading, Lehigh Valley and Chesapeake and Ohio. U. S. Steel re-acted a fraction, but immediately re-covered. Further general improvement was made in the first half hour. Lib-erty bonds were steady. (Canadian Press direct wire.) London, March 11.—Col, Edward B. Worthington, of Sherbrooke, has been created a companion of the order of St. Michael and St. George. The Dis-tinguished Service Order has been awarded to Major Frederick Rush, of New Brunswick and Majors William Forrest Cooke, Kenneth McDougall and Garnet Strong, of the Forestry Corps. GANADA'S NEW PARLIAMENT erty bonds were steady



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HUNS WILL PAY **BIG DAMAGES**

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Amsterdam, March 11.-The Ham burg prize court has ordered the German Empire to pay 1,318,800 marks damages to the owners of the Dutch West Palm Beach, Fla., March 10.— J. M. Munyon, a medicine manufactur-er of Philadelphia, died today at a Palm Beach hotel. Heart failure was United States to Amsterdam

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

SYMPATHY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PASSES AWAY