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V. C. AFTER DEATH TO BRAVE OFFICER WHO WENT FROM VICTORIA

Lieut. T. O. F. Wilkinson Left Here as Lance-Corporal, Was Given Commission in North Lancashire Rifles and Was Killed While Performing Act of Greatest Heroism; Magnificent Example

London, Sept. 27.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded after death to Lieut. Thomas Orde Flawler Wilkinson, aged 23, of the North Lancashire Rifles, who was killed in action on July 25. Lieut. Wilkinson, who was the second son of C. E. Wilkinson, of Comox, B. C., was engaged as a surveyor at Victoria, B. C., before the war broke out. He enlisted with the 50th Gordon Highlanders at Victoria.

Of the acts of "most conspicuous bravery" upon which the award of the Victoria Cross is based, the London Gazette, says:

"During an attack, while a party from another unit was retreating without its machine gun, Lieut. Wilkinson rushed forward with two of his men, got the machine gun into action, and held up the enemy until relieved later, when the advance was checked.

"During a bombing attack he forced his way forward and found four or five men from different units stopped by a solid block of earth over which the enemy was throwing bombs. With great pluck and promptness he mounted the machine gun on the top of the parapet and dispersed the enemy bombers.

For Another.
"He subsequently made two most gallant attempts to bring in a wounded man, but during his second attempt he was shot through the heart just before reaching the man. Throughout the day he set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

Chaplain Honored.
"The Victoria Cross also has been awarded to the Rev. William Robert Addison, a chaplain, who early in his life lived in a Canadian lumber camp.

"He carried a wounded man and assisted several others to cover," says the Gazette. "By his splendid example and utter disregard of danger, he encouraged the stretcher-bearers to go forward under a heavy fire."

Lieut. Thomas Orde Flawler Wilkinson joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders in this city on August 3, 1914, the day before war was declared by Great Britain. He was one of the first volunteers for active service at the front, and he left here as a lance corporal with the first draft going to Valenciennes, where he trained with the 16th Battalion, Canadian-Scottish, under Lieut.-Col. R. G. E. Leckie, now Br. Gen. Leckie, C. M. G. He went to the front with the 16th.

Later he received a commission and was transferred to the North Lancashire Rifles.

SERBIANS BEAT OFF BULGARIAN TROOPS

Repulsed Three Violent Attacks on Kaimakcalan Height, Greek Macedonia.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Serbian troops repulsed three violent attacks made by Bulgarian forces on the Kaimakcalan Height, near the west end of the front in Greek Macedonia, the war office announced this afternoon.

Enemy Claim.
Sofia, Sept. 27.—After ten days of heavy fighting between Serbian and Bulgarian troops near the western end of the front in Greek Macedonia, the Bulgarians forced back their opponents, compelling them to retreat along the whole front, it was announced officially to-day.

BRITISH AND FRENCH SOLDIERS MET IN MAIN STREETS OF COMBLES AND SHOOK HANDS IN HONOR OF VICTORY

With the British Army North of the Somme, Sept. 26, via London, Sept. 27.—The capture of Combles was one of the most picturesque incidents in the whole course of the great offensive in the Somme region. It marked the opening of to-day's forward surge of the British and French forces, which reached its climax in the capture of Gueudecourt and Thiepval.

All night bitter fighting had been in progress at various points on the front, and with dawn the battle broadened to include the whole British left. Combles fell as the sun rose on a perfect summer day. Sitting in the midst of a

MAJ. HUMPHREYS AND LEVICK RELEASED

Washington Acts; Former is Son-in-Law of Hon. James Dunsmuir.

BRITISH OFFICERS BUT TRAVELING PRIVATELY

Mrs. Humphreys, Formerly Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, is With Major

Washington, Sept. 27.—Release of Major Arthur S. Humphreys and Lieut. Hugh Levick, Jr., two British army officers detained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered to-day by Commissioner-General Caminetti of the Immigration Bureau.

Evidence taken yesterday by a special board of inquiry showed that Major Humphreys is en route to Canada on leave, and that Lieut. Levick is on his way to Boston to visit relatives, and both are traveling entirely as private individuals.

Mr. Caminetti explained that the detention of the officers was only a neutrality precautionary step and that there was no intention on the part of the government to interfere with the movement of European officers or men coming to the United States as individuals and not engaged on active service as members of the armed forces of a belligerent nation.

Major Humphreys, referred to in the above dispatch, is a son-in-law of Hon. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Humphreys was Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, and their marriage took place in the old country, where Miss Dunsmuir had gone to carry on work in connection with the commissariat department, operating a traveling kitchen with much success and winning many commendations from officers and men.

Mrs. Humphreys was with Major Humphreys during his detention.

CANADIANS FOUGHT CLOSE TO THIEPVAL

Is Believed at Ottawa Troops Shared in Successful Operations

NO DIRECT NEWS RECEIVED AS YET

Position in Courcellette Region Made It Necessary to Co-operate

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—There is little doubt that Canadian troops were engaged in the most recent fighting north of the Somme, when the British took Thiepval and straightened their line from that point to Combles. Canadian troops shared in the taking of Courcellette, which is just northeast of Thiepval, lying in the former British line which projected beyond Thiepval. The forces at Courcellette must have co-operated with those south of Thiepval to complete the encircling movement which placed the battered town in the hands of the British.

Greek Cabinet Will Resign; King Is to Issue Proclamation

London, Sept. 27.—"The cabinet meeting held in Athens yesterday evening," says a wireless dispatch from the Greek capital, "will be followed by the resignation of Kalogeropoulos cabinet and by the issuance of a proclamation from King Constantine to the nation."

MILITARY SECRETARY TO DUKE IS HONORED

London, Sept. 27.—Lieut.-Col. Edward Alexander Stanton, who has been serving as military secretary to the Duke of Connaught in Canada, has been gazetted C.M.G.

GERMANS OFFERED PRACTICALLY NO DEFENCE AT THE LAST IN COMBLES; NUMBERS THREW DOWN THEIR RIFLES

British Front North of the Somme, Sept. 26.—Via London, Sept. 27.—Combles, captured yesterday by British and French forces, had a labyrinth of dugouts and well-fortified cellars, but at the last practically no defence was made. Those Germans who had not escaped before the town had been hopelessly surrounded were taken prisoner. One lot of Germans who were endeavoring to find a way through the encircling Anglo-French infantry, walked into the British skirmishing line.

The cellars and dugouts of the village were full of wounded who had found security there from the furious fighting on the slopes and ridges. Having cleared Combles of stray Germans, the British and French moved up side by side, further to consult.

One of the striking features of the fighting last night and to-day was the surprisingly light resistance offered at Morval and Combles by the Germans. According to all reports made by British officers.

The Germans made the usual counter-attacks against the British and French last night, but the reports of the Anglo-French officers to headquarters agree that they lacked spirit.

Some German trenches taken yesterday were lightly occupied, or not at all. In other instances, the Anglo-French commanders stated, considerable bodies of Germans threw down their rifles promptly as soon as the attackers approached their trenches, although it was known that they had orders to stand to the last. Batches of prisoners have been coming in from all parts of the front throughout the day.

WILL BE LESS DELAY IN CENSURING MAILS

Agents of American Banks in London Will Co-operate With British

New York, Sept. 27.—Agents of American banks in London will be appointed members of a committee with headquarters in that city to co-operate with a committee of American bankers in an attempt to alleviate the delays caused by the censorship of American mails by the British and the operations of the British blacklist, says A. Barton Hepburn, who acted as host at a luncheon and conference here of New York bankers with Sir Richard Crawford, trade representative of the British embassy at Washington.

The London committee, Mr. Hepburn says, will co-operate with the British censors and the government officials in an effort to curtail the delays now caused by the censoring of American business and banking mail. Banks which do a large foreign exchange business will be represented on the London committee.

Neither this committee nor the proposed committee of New York bankers has been chosen as yet.

PLAN OF TROOPS IN SMALL TOWNS ENDS; NEARLY ALL ASKED

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—It is altogether likely the department of militia will turn a deaf ear to all demands from small towns to be assigned a number of troops for the winter months. An official of the department said to-day that requests for troops had been received from all but a few towns in the Dominion, but that it has been decided to depart definitely from the practice of billeting soldiers in small towns.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

The last day for filing applications to be placed on the voters' lists at the November court of revision, is Monday, October 2nd. Any person who has not yet made application may do so at the Liberal city headquarters in the Arcade building, View and Broad streets, where a commissioner will be on duty every day. The qualification is: British subject of full age and residence in the province for six months and in the electoral district for thirty days before the application is made.

BRITISH MOVED ON TOWARDS EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE; CAPTURED 3,500 PRISONERS IN TWO DAYS

BRITISH KEEPING GERMANS IN DOUBT

Guns Pounding Whole Line North of Somme; Capture of Gueudecourt

GERMAN LEADERS FEAR FOR THEIR ARTILLERY

British front north of the Somme, Sept. 26, via London, Sept. 27.—In the attack yesterday the British found the strongest defence made in front of Gueudecourt. There the Germans used their machine guns with the tenacity and unyielding courage which hitherto had characterized them. The British resumed the attack to-day, and tonight all the village is in their hands.

Both to-day and yesterday the Germans showed an inclination to withdraw their guns immediately they were in any danger, evidently desiring to take no risks of losing any of their artillery. This sometimes leaves their troops in the front line unprotected by cannon fire and may account for the number of surrenders.

Pound Whole Line.
In the meantime the British continue to pound the whole line with their seemingly inexhaustible supply of shells, leaving the Germans in doubt as to what sector will be the next to be attacked by the infantry. The first warning that the Germans have that the British seek to gain a certain frontage is a sudden increase of gun fire in that sector to a tornado under which it does not seem possible that a mouse could escape alive. Usually this tornado is brief, compared with the old fashion of artillery preparation, but it lasts long enough to enable the British infantry to rush from their lines to the German trenches while all the German machine guns and rifles are still. It is amazing how the co-operation of infantry and artillery has improved as a result of the battle practice of this offensive.

North of Somme Haig's Men Made Further Progress During Night; In Brilliant Attack Gen. Foch's Troops Took Strongly Fortified Wood East of Vermandovillers, South of Somme

London, Sept. 27.—British troops again advanced on the front north of the Somme last night, the war office announced to-day. The greatest success was won in the direction of Eaucourt l'Abbaye.

The text of the statement follows:

"Our troops made progress during the night north of the Somme, particularly in the direction of Eaucourt l'Abbaye.

"Successful raids were carried out by us opposite Beaumont-Hamel and in the neighborhood of Loos.

"Three hostile aeroplanes were destroyed in air fighting on Monday and six others were driven down damaged."

ALLIED FORCES WON IN DOBRUDJA

Defeat of Enemy Was Work of Roumanians, Russians, Serbians

Bucharest, Sept. 26, via London, Sept. 27.—Details of the great battle on the front in Dobrudja (Eastern Roumania), which lasted from September 17 to September 19 and ended, as reported by General Averesco, in a decisive defeat of the German and Bulgarian forces, are given in a statement issued by the war office to-day, the text of which follows:

"The supreme command learned on September 17 that detachments of our forces had been compelled to retire before superior enemy forces and were falling back slowly, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Measures were taken to meet the situation and a desperate battle began on a front stretching from the Danube to the Black Sea.

"The fighting opened along the Danube with the enemy columns consisting mostly of Germans, endeavoring to force their way into Tzernavoda. This effort was defeated by our troops who, with repeated bayonet attacks supported by the fire of three monitors in the river, brought the advance of the enemy to a standstill.

Mowed Down.
"In the two days' fighting of the most violent character the enemy suffered heavy losses, his massed formations being mowed down by our artillery fire in the centre he was driven by the allied Roumanian, Russian and Serbian troops from trenches which he had momentarily succeeded in penetrating.

"Finally, at 9 o'clock on the evening of September 19 the enemy onslaught reached its climax. The allied forces, threw the enemy's right wing, which fled. The enemy's losses were great. Everywhere heaps of corpses were found and in front of one division alone 5,000 rifles were picked up.

"The allied troops then advanced, driving the enemy before them."

TROOPS AT CANEA JOIN REVOLUTION

Sentiment of People of Crete Indicated by Soldiers' Action.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Greek troops at Canea, Crete, to the number of 4,000, have joined the revolutionists, according to a radio agency dispatch from Athens. Only a colonel, a few other officers and twenty-five of the men remain loyal to the Athens government.

Constantine Persists.
Athens, Sept. 27.—Immediately on his return from Tatoi to Athens yesterday King Constantine, says a wireless dispatch from the Greek capital, "was summoned to a secret council of the Germanophiles, General Roumanik, ex-chief of the Greek general staff, and M. Strett and the queen, who is a sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, were present at the conference."

CHILDREN AND AGED SAVED

Quebec, Sept. 27.—The Belmont home for children and aged persons at Laurier was destroyed by fire early to-day with a loss of \$50,000. The 299 inmates were removed in safety.

BRITISH GAINS SIX MILES DEEP AT SOME POINTS NORTH OF THE SOMME; ENEMY'S RESISTANCE GROWS WEAKER

With the British Army North of the Somme, Sept. 26.—Via London, Sept. 27.—Since the great offensive was launched on the Somme front on July 1 the British have taken nineteen villages and at some points their gains are now six miles in depth.

Flattened over the successes of to-day and yesterday is greatest at the casualty clearing stations, where the red coat of victory is best measured. All surgeons report that the casualties have been surprisingly light.

The weakening resistance of the Germans, which seems obvious to any spectator, is variously interpreted by

the Anglo-French officers. Some believe that the Germans are merely making a rear-guard defence of the lower ground while their main forces fall back to another prepared line of trenches stretching from Bapaume. Others insist that the increasing hammering blows of the British and French are resulting in a decided softening in the morale and fighting power of their opponents.

To soldiers in the ranks do not seem to be bothered with such speculations. "Give us more weather like this and let us push 'em," is the prayer alike of the British Tommy and the French poilu.

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ITALIANS FIRMLY HOLD THEIR GROUND

Artillery Prevented Austrian Troops Consolidating Position on Monte Cismone

Rome, Sept. 27.—The following official statement was issued last evening: "In the Astico district our incessant barrage has rendered futile enemy attempts to consolidate the position we evacuated on the summit of Monte Cismone. "At the head of the Vanoi valley the enemy's artillery continued unsuccessfully yesterday to shell our new defence northeast of Monte Cauriol. "In the Upper Cordevole violent counter-attacks against the positions we had captured on Saturday toward the summit of Monte Selt, were repulsed with heavy enemy losses. "Elsewhere there has been only artillery fire."

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IMPRINT OF FOOT MADE CENTURIES AGO

Redding, Cal., Sept. 27.—The petrified imprint of a human foot, believed to have been made by an Indian maiden several thousand years ago, was on exhibition here to-day. The cast was found twenty feet below the surface by workmen digging an irrigation ditch. The Indian girl is thought to have stepped into soft earth or mud. Water or wind then is believed to have covered the imprint with sand, which later formed a sandstone mould, giving even the details of the toes, the ball of the foot and the lines of the instep.

DESTROYED ZEPPELINS.

London, Sept. 27.—It was announced officially yesterday that the identity of the two zeppelins brought down in the raid on the night of September 23-24 had been determined as the naval zeppelins L-32 and L-33, both of new construction.

VIENNA, SEPT. 26.—THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED LAST EVENING:

"The southeastern sector of the Carso plateau was subjected to strong artillery bombardments. Italians bombarded the Domestica work and Gesslani-Colloromo sectors. On the Comanegol ridge 27 Alpine soldiers, including two officers, were taken prisoners. "An armistice offered for the rescue of the wounded Italian soldiers on the summit of Monte Cismone has been refused by the enemy."

THIEPVAL ALSO FELL INTO BRITISH HANDS

High Ridge East of It Taken; Further Gains Near Comblès

London, Sept. 27.—In addition to the capture of Comblès, north of the Somme, an official communication issued last night reported the occupation by British troops of the important town of Thiepval, on the northwestern end of the Somme front, the high ridge east of it, and a strongly fortified redoubt. The text of the statement follows: "On our right, French and British troops jointly occupied Comblès as a result of the capture of Fregicourt and Morval. We have beaten off heavy counter-attacks near Morval and Lesboeufs with severe loss to the enemy. "On our centre we stormed Gueudecourt, and have driven the Germans in disorder. "On our left we captured Thiepval and the high ridge east of it, including the Zollern redoubt. This ridge was very strongly fortified with an elaborate system of heavily wired trenches, and was defended with desperation. "French Report. Paris, Sept. 27.—The following official statement was issued last night: "The battle continued successfully to-day. North of the Somme the allied troops increased their gains of yesterday considerably, attaining within a few hours the objectives assigned for the second day of the struggle. "This morning the French troops resumed the offensive and captured the entire section of Comblès situated to the east and south of the railway. Our patrols entered in conjunction with the troops of the right wing of the British army, who were cleaning up the northwestern part of Comblès. Shortly afterwards the whole village fell into our power. "The booty captured in Comblès was large. The Germans had accumulated in the subterranean passages an enormous quantity of munitions and supplies of every kind. We collected 100 wounded Germans who had been abandoned by the enemy. Comblès is filled with German dead. "Further Gains. "This afternoon our troops, developing their advantage, captured a small wood situated north of Fregicourt, half way to Morval, and also the greater part of the strongly fortified ground between this wood and the western portion of the St. Vaast wood, east of the Bethune road. "The number of unwounded prisoners captured by our troops since yesterday now reaches 1,200. We have counted up to the present 30 machine guns. "On the rest of the front there was an intermittent cannonade. "It appears from fresh information that a zeppelin which flew over the Calais district on the night of September 22-23 dropped 20 bombs, all of which fell on waste ground a great distance from the town. It is probable that the zeppelin, caught by the fire of our guns, got rid of its bombs in order to ascend and escape. "German Admission. Berlin, Sept. 27.—The following official statement was issued yesterday: "Anglo-French infantry on the fourth day of the artillery bombardment launched a uniform attack between the Ancre Brook and the River Somme. The fighting, which had commenced at noon, continued during the night. Between the Ancre and Eaucourt l'Abbaye the hostile thrust was stifled by our fire or broke down before our lines. "Successes were obtained by the enemy east of Eaucourt l'Abbaye and the conquest of the villages on the line of Gueudecourt-Bouchavesnes must be recognized. Near Bouchavesnes, and farther south, as far as the Somme; French charges, repeated many times, failed."

VENIZELOS ACTS TO SAVE GREECE

Provisional Government Will Support Athens Government If Course Right

Athens, Sept. 27.—The Patria yesterday published a statement by M. Venizelos in which the former premier said: "The purpose of the movement of which I am taking the lead with Admiral Condouriotis is purely national. Circumstances compel me to form a provisional government, not to overthrow the Athens regime, but to form a force for the government of Greek Macedonia, that being the only means left to preserve the unity which already has been harmed by those who ceded Macedonia to the enemy. "The Athens regime remains intact, and if it moves in the right direction I will stand beside it politically and militarily and assist it in every way. I am leaving as a soldier who, having failed to persuade his comrades, does not turn against them, but shoulders his rifle to fight the enemy."

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ENEMY ALIENS SENT TO ASBESTOS MINES

Crothers' Statement About Thetford Mines to Dominion Labor Congress

Toronto, Sept. 27.—An allegation that the men employed in asbestos mining at the Thetford Mines, Quebec, were unjustly treated by the minister of labor and the mine owners was the subject of debate at the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada throughout its sitting yesterday afternoon. The allegation was contained in a resolution presented by Delegate Roussa, of Thetford Mines, which was concurred in by the resolutions committee. Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, who had come to Toronto to take part in the discussion of the proposed revision of the Industrial Disputes Act, was present. He frankly told the delegates the information which had been given him regarding the dispute between the miners and the mine owners of Thetford Mines during the past summer, and explained the grounds for the action taken by himself and his department in allowing 45 enemy aliens to take employment at Thetford Mines. He declared that he was convinced that the action was fully justified. Mr. Crothers said the government released from internment camps only those aliens who were not considered dangerous, but who had been held because they were destitute. These men were allowed to go to positions only after their prospective employers had given guarantees that they were not to be used to displace other workmen or to accept lower wages than other workers. The British government had been calling for asbestos and the 45 enemy aliens in question had been allowed to take employment in the mines. The minister believed, however, that they had gone to the mines before any labor dispute arose there.

PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN EXPERTS

Canadian Engineers Object to Attitude of Commission Investigating Railways

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The Ottawa Citizen says: "The engineering, architectural and contracting interests of the Dominion are protesting to the government in the form of a printed memorial against the employment by the commission investigating Canadian railroads of American experts. "The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, in its protest, claims that the inference is that Canadians, who built the railways, are not competent to report on them; that Canadian universities are not producing competent engineers and that the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, with its 2,000 members, is not considered worthy of consultation. "There also is a protest against an American firm building the Lindsay arsenal. "Regarding the complaint of the engineers, Sir Henry Drayton pointed out a few weeks ago that the commission had selected, in the person of a Boston professor, the most eminent authority on railway valuation in America. "The work is of great importance and it was desired to secure for it the best men available. The assistants would be Canadians."

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CHILDREN KILLED IN RAIDS ON BUCHAREST

Bucharest, Sept. 27.—The following official report was issued last evening: "On the north and northwestern front there have been patrol encounters. In the Ju valley, in violent fighting, our troops are advancing. "On the right flank the enemy attacked three times in mass formation, but was repulsed. "A squadron of enemy aviators dropped bombs on Bucharest yesterday afternoon. No military buildings were hit, but 60 persons were killed and a number wounded by bombs falling on a sanitarium and an orphanage. Two-thirds of the victims were women and children. "On the night of September 25 a zeppelin dropped bombs on Bucharest, killing five children. Our aircraft have bombed camps in Transylvania."

AUSTRIANS ADMIT LOSS OF PASSES

Vienna, Sept. 27.—The following official statement was issued last evening: "On the Rumanian front the Vulkan and Sauruk passes were evacuated before a wide encircling movement by strong Rumanian forces. Near Nagy Szeben (Hermannstadt) new battles are developing, with the Austro-Hungarian and German forces attacking. On the Transylvania front fighting has developed at many points. South of Sekely-Udvarhely (Oderhellen) a Croatian landwehr battalion repulsed enemy attacks after bitter fighting."

MORE CANADIANS ARE LANDED IN MOTHERLAND

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—It is announced by the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: 5th Battery Siege Artillery, a field artillery brigade, the 50th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd Batteries and Ammunition Columns, the 97th Battalion (Aldershot, N.S.), 100th, 107th, 108th and 144th Battalions (Manitoba).

VERDICT AT FERNIE.

Fernie, Sept. 27.—Gus Reed, a middle-aged single man, who had been working with a government road gang here for some time, was found dead in his bed at the Imperial hotel here yesterday. A coroner's jury found a verdict of suicide by carbolic acid, committed while temporarily insane from the effects of alcoholism. Nothing is known as to his relatives or former home.

DIED AT MONTREAL.

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—Rev. John Coffey, S.S.J., formerly parish priest of St. Ignace parish, Winnipeg, and one of the best known priests of the Roman Catholic church in Canada, died yesterday at the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, after a long illness.

VON JAGOW WILL RESIGN.

London, Sept. 27.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that he learns that the resignation of Von Jagow, German foreign minister, is imminent. His health is given as the reason.

GREEK DESTROYER JOINS MOVEMENT FOR DEFENCE

London, Sept. 27.—The Greek torpedo boat destroyer Lonchi managed to leave the fleet and reach the open sea, where she headed for either Canea or Salonica. To join the national defence movement," says the Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent.

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THIEPVAL TAKEN.

The Associated Press correspondent with the British army in the Somme region says the capture of Thiepval affords the troops more satisfaction than any other incident of their latest entirely successful drive.

The killing and maiming of women and children in England by Zeppelins is a very poor return to the British sweep over Combes, Leschauffe, Guedecourt, Morval and Thiepval, as the enemy will find to his cost.

THE WAR LOAN.

The readiness with which the latest Canadian war loan was doubly subscribed is a source of much gratification to the authorities. It is abundantly clear that with an extension of time for the receipt of subscriptions a call for a much more imposing sum would have met with a similar response.

A profitable lesson for future application may be drawn by the various governments of Canada from the experience of these loans. There is ample capital in the Dominion to finance at least a large part of the country's development if certain discouraging factors are eliminated.

should be a wider call upon Canadian capital for Canadian purposes, and this in turn should impose an embargo upon everything but genuine propositions.

THE WRONG PASSWORD.

The two British officers en route to Canada who were detained at New York by the United States immigration authorities have been released on instructions from Washington.

WHY NOT CANADIANS?

The engineering, architectural and contracting interests of Canada have protested to the Dominion government against the appointment of experts from the United States to investigate the Canadian railroads, chiefly in respect of their valuation.

The practice of importing experts and other agencies from abroad has become altogether too common in Canada, particularly during the last few years.

What those people need is more faith in Canada's men and material. A few years ago they declared that this Dominion could not develop a navy in fifty years, although Australia created one that was to be of priceless service in five.

PENALIZING SHIPBUILDING.

Among the subjects on which the board of trade will memorialize the Minister of Customs who is expected to arrive here to-morrow is aid to shipbuilding by the removal of the duty on materials not produced in this province.

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which, like the United States Steel Corporation with its billion and a half of capital, is so fragile that it will succumb unless it is nurtured in the shadow of a high tariff wall.

In his unique valedictory after shaking the dust of Winnipeg from the soles of his virtuous shoes Hon. Bob Rogers thus paid his respects to the judiciary of Manitoba and apologized to the citizens thereof for the mistakes he made in the distribution of patronage by the federal government.

A contemporary says the British would gain no satisfaction from reprisals against Germany for their Zepelin attacks in England. That is true enough, but satisfaction would not be the object of such measures.

Montreal Star: Members of the journalistic craft throughout Canada will unite in offering to Sir John Willison of Toronto their heartfelt sympathy on his great loss through the death of his son, Lieutenant William Willison, "dead on the field of honor" at the Somme.

Premier Bowser announces that he will not relinquish office for a little while. He is going to wait and see what the votes of the soldiers portend respecting the manner in which the affairs of the province have been conducted.

The All-Highest, in the days when he rolled in luxury and dreamt dreams of conquest and world domination, smoked cigars made specially in Cuba at a cost of ninety cents each.

The king of Greece seems determined to stand by his Hohenzollern kinsman even if it costs him his crown. Probably also Constantine realizes that several crowns will be worthless baubles when the war is over.

The Minister of War in Argentina has resigned owing to a disagreement with the President over the promotion of several generals. Evidently somebody wants to make generals out of all

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ragged beast on the unseemliness of its conduct.

The great question in Greece is, who will intervene on the side of the allies first, Venizelos or Tino. The King will have to move quickly to save his dynasty and probably himself.

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BETTER THAN REPRISALS.

A comparison of results must have convinced many of the advocates of reprisals for air-raid on undefended places that the policy of our naval and military advisers is, in all respects, the best.

has attained in adding to the ruthlessness of war by inflicting undeserved and useless suffering on the civilian population.

THE ENEMY'S GAME.

The French newspaper, Humanite, publishes a rational rebuke to over-zealous patriots who are proclaiming their plans for punishing Germany after the war.

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RAINS MAY DRIVE TROOPS FROM SIDNEY

Return of Battalions to Winter Quarters Depends on Weather

Just as soon as autumn rains commence, if they do commence, it is probable that the regiments now at Sidney will go into winter quarters. It was pointed out by one of the officers at headquarters yesterday that it was impossible to tell just what the Sidney camp would be like when the rains came, but so far as could be judged it would be impossible for the men to remain under canvas there in bad weather.

KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. Sills, whose name is on the list of local men who have fallen at the front, lived in this city some time previous to joining the colors. He built a house for himself in Easterdale subdivision, Saanich, and worked in the city until the organization of the 30th Battalion, which he joined and with which he left for Europe. His father, who lives in Vancouver, reports that he was killed on September 7th.

HOW THE ZEPPELIN FELL IN FLAMES

All London Rushed to the Wrecked Airship; a Glaring Holocaust

The London News and Leader of September 4, which has just reached here, contains a graphic account of the last zeppelin raid, in which one of the Hun airships was destroyed. At the time the description was written the full circumstances under which the zeppelin met its fate, including the part played by Flight Lieut. Robinson, were evidently not known to the writer. The News and Leader says:

The raid of Saturday was the most exciting experience to which Londoners have been subjected during the war. This was an invisible menace. The raiders came over London above a dense ground mist, which made it utterly impossible for the zeppelins to be seen. They brought murder in the darkness, and the darkness protected the murderers.

Yet to-day all London made holiday, for despite the protection of the mist, despite the immense advantages which the men who come to kill must have over the men who are there to protect, the avenger of blood had accomplished his task—a zeppelin had been brought down.

People poured out to Cuffley in tens of thousands to see for themselves what remained of the zepp. It was not much, but it held an irresistible fascination.

The splendid climax of the night, the spectacle of that flaming monster hurtling to the ground, came as an astounding joy to people in the districts visited.

From a few miles south of Cuffley we had heard the steady throb and hum of the zeppelin's deep-toned engine for an hour before the wrecker was brought down.

The Baffling Mist. The searchlight near had striven like a sentient thing to pierce the heavy grey curtain of mist which hung over the land, but it was an utterly futile effort. The clouds reflected back the baffled beam of light in a cone of dull yellow light, and the hum of the raider approached nearer and nearer. Now it was over us, now it seemed to have swept round to the south, now it came from a westerly direction. Then came the sound for which we had been listening with a strained attention, the boom of the first bomb explosion.

It was almost instantly followed by another. Somewhere the searchlights had a freer play, and had given the gunners their target.

In the next quarter of an hour we listened to the irregular succession of gun answering bomb, and more and more of the guns seemed to be coming into the contest. The action was coming nearer. Now we could hear the whistle of the shells, the hiss of the bursting shrapnel. In the tense listening for these louder sounds we had lost the whirr of the engine. Now it broke in again, and this time from the north. We counted forty reports in all of bombs and shells, and still that solid grey wad of humid mist hung between us and any glimpse of what was happening above.

What gave us the first hint that it was not only an anti-aircraft battery that our defenders were relying was the raised voice of a man at the searchlight telephone audible over 200 yards away.

Another Aircraft Up. The searchlight crew had seen or heard that another aircraft was up—and it was a British aeroplane. Then came the mighty sequel—all the northern sky was illumined by a red glow—at its heart the form of a zeppelin—a zeppelin in flames—from end to end. Our impression was—and it was confirmed later by conversation with people up here at Cuffley who had a nearer view—that the zeppelin was belching smoke from the centre of its gasbag.

We saw it crumple; we saw it in an agony of utter-collapse; and we saw it crash to earth with all its crew.

Then we got our breath and cheered. We cheered with all our might—"Are you related to Thomas Dopley?" "Very distantly," said Francis. "I was me mother's first child. Thomas was the birth."—The Youth's Companion.

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CHURCH EXEMPTION.

To the Editor:—In your report of the proceedings at the city council on Monday night with regard to church exemption, you omit to state that the letter from the Church Tax Exemption Association was issued, not merely on the personal responsibility of Dr. Clay and Father Wood, but with the express authorization of all the churches of every denomination in the city except the Baptists. Appended to the letter were the names of the clergy and lay representatives of every church of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Reformed Episcopal and Congregational bodies, together with the Society of Friends and the Jewish synagogue. Alderman Hell's motion was thus supported by a very large body of citizens, and in view of this fact it would seem that the statement of Aldermen Fullerton and Cameron, that the council had no mandate to deal with the matter is not in accordance with fact. A serious and carefully reasoned request on the part of a considerable body of the ratepayers deserves more attention than the council seems to have given it.

THE ORIENTAL QUESTION.

To the Editor:—In the issue of today's Colonist in writing on the Oriental question it asks what is to be done to remedy the matter? I have noticed recently that persons concerned in various land clearing schemes suggest the importation of indentured Chinamen. The real question seems to me is not a question of a further importation of Chinamen, but the ridding ourselves of those already in our country. To legislate directly against any particular nationality is impracticable, but the same result may be arrived at by modern domestic legislation.

In New Zealand and Australia there is no direct legislation against a Chinaman, but with modern domestic legislation, such as the European language test, the eight-hour-a-day law, the minimum wage law, and one or two other laws it makes it impossible for the Chinaman to land or live there.

I see no reason why the provincial government have not got the same opportunity, that is, to squeeze the Chinaman out of the country. We have what is known as the National Volunteer Reserve. I see no reason to the contrary that with the extension of the reserve and the assistance of the provincial government inside of five months we can have every mill in British Columbia a white man's industry.

It is a recognized fact that every country in the world should keep a trained military force in its midst to protect itself at any time against invasion. Any country whose industrial concerns employ members of its defence force has a right to have assistance from its governments for retaining those men. I would suggest that the provincial government raise the stumpage tax to two dollars per thousand and all firms whose every employee was a member of the National Volunteer Reserve, I would give them a rebate of \$1.75 per thousand; this would suggest an immediate step towards making ourselves industrially white, instead as we are at present industrially Chinese.

I would extend this principle to the domestic servant, the mines, land clearing, fishing, etc., and not let up until the last Chinaman hits the gang plank on his road to China.

THOMAS TEDHAM, September 26.

ORIENTAL LABOR.

To the Editor:—One would think to read the remarks of A. Carmichael that Vancouver Island is doomed unless Oriental labor is employed. I would like to ask if there were no Chinamen here what would happen? He states there is no good reason why farm labor should not command as much as any other kind of labor, and that we do not want a system of agricultural slavery (white) at low wages, but does not object to using yellow. I don't think anyone would object to an educated Chinaman because of his color, or even a black man, but what we do object to is the conditions that a Chinaman is forced to live under, forced by his own countrymen, no doubt after many lying promises, to come to Canada, and becomes the slave of this man. Now it would appear that we have white men eager to imitate the Chinaman, prepared to use these men because of their color, for the sake of profit. The only two cities are Victoria and Vancouver where there is so much eagerness to employ yellow labor.

A. C. states: "I believe that Orientals should be prohibited from cultivating land on their own account and disposing of their produce in competition with our white farmers. If this plan were adopted we could get farm labor at 75c per day; as we did before the head-tax was put on. At that wage the Chinaman can in a few years save a sufficient sum to keep himself and family in affluence in his native country, and in the process of saving he has also enriched us with the products of his labor."

I don't think I need make any comments further than this is not bringing back old slave conditions to enrich a few white farmers or land owners? To use the words of "Facing Facts" under a nom-de-plume, may I inform him that

INSPECTS TROOPS

Hon. Martin Burrell visits Sidney and Compliments Officers and Men.

Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture in the Dominion government, inspected the troops at Sidney yesterday, accompanied by G. H. Barnard, M.P., and the commanding officer, Col. J. Duff Stuart. The battalions were drawn up on the parade ground and received the visitors in the customary manner.

The battalions were put through various evolutions and then showed by their marching that good progress had been made in fitting them for the strenuous life at the front. Both the 143rd and the 231st made an excellent showing, and they were complimented on their smart appearance and the precision with which they executed the manoeuvres.

Number 2 Company of the Bantams was not present, being at the Heald rifle ranges engaged in target practice.

It may be assumed that in future the letters M. C. will be sacred to the military decoration, and that the wearer of this honor, second only to the Victoria Cross, will not be confused with the master of the ceremonies at a subscription dance. That, however, is what they have stood for up to now. But there is no copyright in initials, and the member of the privy council and of the force allies describes himself as a P. C.—London Chronicle.

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WILL RESIGN AFTER SOLDIER VOTE IS IN

Meanwhile, Premier Bowser Says, Ministry Will Restrict Its Activities

A lengthy meeting of the provincial executive council was held yesterday, at which all the members of the government were present, and it was continued today. As there has not been a meeting of the council as a whole for some months there has accumulated a great deal of routine and departmental business, and it is with this that the ministers are dealing. Premier Bowser states that the government will not make any appointments, nor will it take up any new business or matters involving questions of policy, but he says the outgoing ministers will leave the routine business of administration in such shape that the new ministry will not be called upon to clean up any arrears or loose ends when it assumes office.

SAANICH DAY AT HOME PRODUCTS FAIR

"Loganberry Jim" is Coming From Oregon to Deliver Lecture

James Fullerton, of Eugene, Oregon, better known to many by the familiar sobriquet of "Loganberry Jim," will deliver a lecture at the Home Products Fair on Saanich Day, Wednesday of next week, at 2.30 in the afternoon. The subject of his address will be "What the Loganberry Will Do for Victoria." Mr. Fullerton has had more experience in growing loganberries commercially than any other man on this coast, perhaps in the world. In Oregon, in the neighborhood of Eugene, thousands of acres of loganberries are grown on ranches of varying size, running mostly from 100 to 300 acres each. Last year a factory at Eugene made 125,000 gallons of loganberry juice, but the demand for this article of consumption is much greater than the supply. A new company has just been organized at Eugene, which will be able to handle 40 tons of berries a day during the season, thus showing that the people who grow the berries commercially have faith in the business and its future prospects.

CONCERT AT CLOVERDALE

Enjoyable Entertainment in Aid of St. Mark's Church

An enjoyable concert was given at Cloverdale last evening in aid of St. Mark's church. The room, which was tastefully decorated with the flags of the allies and beautiful flowers, was crowded to capacity to hear the programme which was in the hands of Miss Jean Tolmie, and judging from the applause the concert was a huge success. Gracious was the gavotte given by the Misses Tolmie and Eng, each one taking her part admirably. The same may be said of Miss McIntyre, who danced the sailor's hornpipe. Edwin Brown, one of Victoria's popular artists, made a hit with his new song, "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," and also in his rendering of "That Rose Was You," the singer having to respond with an encore to each one. Miss Burgess sang the "Fiddler" as an artist, which proved her ability in the costume, and for an encore gave "The Little Irish Girl." Miss May Mitchell was in her usual good voice, pleased her listeners with "A Smile." The programme concluded with a tableaux by eight young girls, representing Britain and her two allies, each one dressed in costume of the different nationality. Almond Dobson made a splendid accompanist, and Mrs. Robert's orchestra also provided several selections. Refreshments were served, and the national anthem concluded the evening's entertainment.

BUY ISLAND LAND

Samuel Ryder Secures Tract Which Will Be Utilized for Seed Growing

Samuel Ryder, head of the firm of Ryder & Son, of St. Albans, Eng., who was in the city some weeks ago, investigating the possibilities of seed growing in this district, was so impressed with the outlook and with the work which had already been done that on reaching the city of Vancouver he closed a deal for 200 acres of land on this island, which it is understood will be utilized for seed growing. The seed growing industry has been fostered by the Victoria and Island Development League, and is now well on its way toward making this part of the island famous.

POLITICAL NOTES

Hon. William Manson, minister of agriculture, and defeated candidate in Prince Rupert, has returned from the North. J. H. Schofield, M.P.P.-elect for Trail and former member for Ymir, is another government supporter who is here to interview the administration before it surrenders office. There has been a constant stream of government candidates to the city since the fourteenth, and the buildings reminds one of sessional days with so many of those who were members of the last House flitting about the corridors. According to the premier's statement, however, there is "nothing doing," and will not be. A great many people are busy making cabinets for the future premier these days, and some of them seem to think the premier-prospective ought to rush out in the street and announce the names of the men whom he will invite to assist him in the government of the province. As Gus Evans remarks in the last issue of his paper, the Grand Forks Sun: "Cabinet-making is a pleasant but uncertain occupation if you are not the prime minister-elect." Related returns from isolated polls in Atlin have been heard from, and Frank H. Mobley, member-elect for that northern constituency, has an unofficial majority of 41. Private advices from Chicago state that a great deal of interest was taken in that city in the result of the British Columbia elections, so much so that it was difficult to get copies of the morning papers next day. News vendors gave as a reason for the run on the issue that numerous purchasers were anxious to find how the election went. There are many investors in this province in the Windy City, and doubtless residents of the province and those interested in the prohibition movement were among those to whom the news had a special interest that morning. No one now has any idea that the soldier vote will make any difference in the result of the polling of September 14, although the Vancouver News-Advertiser clung to that tottering hope for some days. The position in this regard is well put in the current issue of the Grand Forks Sun, which says editorially: "We do not believe that the soldiers' vote will change the result in a single constituency in the province, or that it will affect the prohibition act or the woman's suffrage referendum. The soldiers are average citizens, recruited from all parties, and it may be taken for granted that the vote will split on about the same ratio as the civilians'. Some of the Conservatives in this province entertain the mistaken idea that

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