

YOU'VE BEEN A COWARD

You have no enemies, you say?
Alas my friend, the boast is poor:
He who has indulged in the fray
Of duty that the brave endure
Must have made foes.
If you have none,
Small is the work you have done:
You've hit no traitor on the hip,
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,
You've never turned the wrong to right—
You've been a coward in the fight.
—Charles Mackay.

Twenty Years Ago

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Coal is selling at \$22.00 a ton in
Guelph.

Gradually the number of motor cars
running is growing smaller. They are
being put up for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lasby have
removed from their homestead in Nas-
sagaweya to their farm in Acton.

A few minutes before eleven on Sun-
day morning, fire broke out in the res-
taurant next to the Baptist Church,
conducted by Tony Seynuck. The dam-
age is over \$1,000 and means quite a
loss to Tony, as the contents were not
insured. The building will be repaired
at once.

Rev. J. A. Johnston, pastor of the
Baptist Church, has accepted a call to
Calvary Church, Toronto, and will
preach farewell sermons next Sunday.

BORN

BALFOUR—At St. Clair, Mich., on
Monday, November 22nd, 1920, to Mr.
and Mrs. Russell Balfour, a son.

MARRIED

HARDING-ROSEZELL—At the Manse, on
Wednesday, November 10th, by Rev.
R. F. Cameron, Victor Charles Hard-
ing, of Lincolnton, to Alice Wilda
Rosezell, of Georgetown.

DIED

CAMPBELL—At his home, near Moffat,
on Sunday, November 14th, 1920, Hugh
Campbell, in his 77th year.

KELLY—At the family residence, Lot
20, Second Line, Etobicoke, on Tues-
day, November 23rd, 1920, Catherine
Oliver, widow of the late William
Kelly, aged 72 years.

WAR
25 Years Ago

By The Canadian Press

The heroic drive on Baghdad by the
8th Indian Division, under General Sir
Charles Townshend in the First Great
War offset to some extent discouraging
autumn developments in the Allies' cam-
paigns in the Dardanelles and the Bal-
kans.

Failure of the Anglo-French forces to
make headway against the Turkish
forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula and the
overrunning of Serbia by the Central
Powers were overshadowed for a brief
spell by news that the Turks were re-
treating on Baghdad.

Operations on the Persian Gulf had
been undertaken by the protection of
British oil interests. Townshend's divi-
sion, aided by other troops, advanced up
the River Tigris, and on November 22nd,
1915, routed the Turks at Ctesiphon,
only 18 miles from Baghdad. The
triumph brought joy throughout Allied
countries, but the expected fall of
Baghdad did not materialize.

The strength of Townshend's force
was not sufficient to hold the town
against strong Ottoman reinforcements
and within a week London learned he
was retreating on Kut-el-Amara, 120
miles down the Tigris. There he and
his force were hemmed in. The story
of their 143-day defence of the Mes-
opotamian town has been inscribed among
the great episodes of British military
history.

Heavy Cost

Determined but unsuccessful efforts
to relieve the beleaguered garrison were
made and Townshend was obliged to
capitulate in April, 1916. At the time
of the surrender 9,000 British and In-
dian troops made up the starved garr-
ison. Attempts to relieve Kut cost 24,000
casualties.

Opposing armies on the Western and
Eastern fronts were deadlocked about
the time of the victory at Ctesiphon.
In the Balkans, Austro-German and
Bulgarian armies were pushing Serbia
back to the Albanian and Greek borders
and Italy's troops smashed at Austria's
defences at Goritz on the Isonzo River.

BRIGADIER PRISONER

London (CP)—Brig. G. T. Barney, M.
C., former Commanding Officer of the
2nd Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, is a
prisoner of war, a War Office casualty
list announces.

ECHO OF RUMANIA?

Opatki, N. Z. (CP)—Buildings swayed
during an earthquake shock here re-
cently, but no damage was done. Or-
igin of the shock was many miles away
and deep seated.

LORD DERBY'S ESCAPE

Liverpool (CP)—Lord Derby, who is
75, escaped with a severe shaking when
his car collided head-on during a trip
here recently.

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