

HOW JOFFRE ORDERED THE GREAT ADVANCE

Glued to Map For Twenty-Four Hours--Vivid Sidelights on Fighting Which is Carrying Allies Forward--German Soldiers Driven Mad.

By C. F. Bertelli.

Paris, Sept. 29.—The past seven days of the war have taken a heavier toll of human life than any previous period.

Of the two battles waged in France, that in Champagne was by far the fiercest and biggest. General Joffre himself conducted the advance, not as a picturesque general on a white charger, but sitting sedately at a kitchen table in a wine shop behind the lines.

The Advance in the Night. Meanwhile a few miles distant a scene worthy of Dante's inferno was being enacted on the battlefield.

WITH BRITISH BEFORE FIGHT

Enemy Ignorant of Allies Strength And Plans.

AWAITED THE ATTACK

BLINDLY CONFIDENT OF REPUTATION IT EASY.

The Savage Onslaught of Men Who Charged With a Valor Which Completely Swept Away All Resistance.

By Philip Gibbs.

British Headquarters, Sept. 28.—The attack which began the battle along the five-hundred-mile front started, as far as the British lines were concerned, before dawn broke Saturday.

At 2.30 a.m. what seemed the impossible happened. The din of bombardment became doubly intense, so that all Flanders shook to it.

Result of Tollers' Work. This was the work of all those thousands of men in the factories at

out of the trench at the word of command and dashed across the ground, upturned like a plowed field by shells.

What the German saw from his shell-battered trench when rockets and star-lights illuminated the grim spectacle was the gleaming point of a fixed bayonet, handled by an infuriated soldier wearing a mask which gave him the appearance of a howling demon.

The victory which produced the greatest number of prisoners the Allies have yet gained at a single blow was won in true Hindenburg manner. The attacking forces were divided into three columns.

Guns were Driven Mad. One of the most terrible features of the battle was the number of German cannons driven mad by the terrific cannonade.

home who had been toiling through the months at furnace and forge. They sent us guns, and there seemed to be shells enough to blast the enemy out of his trenches.

It began east of Mermelles, south of La Bassée Canal, and on the plain of Lens. Our men were out of their trenches before daylight and at deadly grips with the enemy. They were advancing steadily over ground which was no longer barred to them impenetrably by the enemy's trenches.

Of incidents of casualties, of heroism which ignored the risk of death, nothing can yet be said in the fighting is still in progress. Only in a few words one may say the essence of truth.

At night the wind blew softly from the west. Away over the lines there was comparative quiet until late in the night.

SARNIA DOCTOR'S POST. Dr. W. A. Henderson Physician-in-Chief of a Hospital Ship.

At 3.30 a.m. what seemed the impossible happened. The din of bombardment became doubly intense, so that all Flanders shook to it.

City Editor Enlists. St. Catharines, Sept. 30.—Among newspaper men who have enlisted for overseas service is Thomas J. Holden, city editor of the St. Catharines Standard and formerly of the Hamilton Herald and the Windsor Telegram, who was enrolled with the 81st Battalion.



MARCONI, LIFE-SAVER, IN UNIFORM OF ITALIAN LIEUTENANT.

Without doubt, the wireless, which was adapted and produced for the world by Signor Marconi, has saved thousands of lives since it was first used in 1899 to flash a message across the English Channel.

WON HIS PROMOTION

GARNETT HUGHES YOUNGEST BRIGADIER-GEN. IN EMPIRE.

A Leader at College—Highly Praised By British Officer For Conduct at Festubert.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Canada has the distinction of having the youngest brigadier-general in the British Empire, and possibly in the world, in the person of Brigadier-General Garnett Hughes, only son of the Minister of Militia.

There is the story of a Ford car having run for several miles without gasoline, travelling that distance merely on its reputation, and from an engineering point of view there is little hope for any other solution in the projected runabout submarine.

Circus People Fined. Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Sept. 30.—Fines amounting to \$250 were imposed upon H. T. Pierson, a circus proprietor, and his concessionaires, who were found guilty of keeping a common gaming house.

IS THERE DISCRIMINATION.

Against Canadian Wheat in the Rates Charged.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—The sub-committee of the Cabinet, appointed recently to deal with the question of ocean transport for the Canadian grain crop, and to endeavor to secure lower ocean rates, has cabled through its Secretary, W. Sandford Evans, that the ocean rates on wheat between Great Britain and the other countries competing with Canada in the wheat exporting trade.

The committee holds the opinion that unless the rates are discriminated against Canada it is very difficult to say whether the increased rates are borne by the producer of the wheat in Canada or by the consumer in England.

WOMEN OUTPOSTS AND WAR

Doing Effective Work Behind Firing Line.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Forty women of social distinction, who have been driving ambulances, have been doing their most effective work in recent days. They receive their orders from the military authorities each evening and are out at 6 o'clock every morning.

This is the only organization of the kind composed of women enrolled in the sanitary service of the army. The president of the club is Mme. Paillet, who is also an aviator.

News has been received in Montreal of the death in action in France of Walter Brown, of Blue Bonnets, and athlete and sportsman who was a big figure in athletics in the Lachine district.

The women are not sent to the firing line, but use their automobiles to deliver supplies from depots in the rear, and in quiet times, to take them from hospitals to convalescent homes.

WHY CONSIDER?

The Question a Clergyman Asks Of Government.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Sept. 30.—Does the Government of Ontario know that there is a war on? "was the very pointed question asked by Rev. J. W. Aikens, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, here, in the course of an address on the war.

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LARGE WAR ORDERS

Coming to Canadian Mills From The Allies.

Toronto, Sept. 30.—Inquiries are being made by the different nations of the Allies, about the possibility of getting clothing, blankets and other such equipment manufactured in Canada.

It is understood that the Russian Government has ordered several million dollars' worth of blankets. This order awaits the acceptance of the Canadian mills.

RESERVE FORCE GROWS

Men Who Have Had Military Training and Are Available For Defence.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—The Canadian reserve force, which consists of those who have had militia training and who have handed in their names to local commanding officers, according to the plan announced some weeks ago, is now mounting up to very respectable figures.

Will Cut Down Reports.

London, Sept. 30.—The estimated average cost of production of the provincial journals by reason of the increased rates on press telegraph matter, imposed by the new budget, is \$5,000 annually for each. A probable consequence will be that only the London journals will give full reports of the proceedings in Parliament.

ATTACK FOLLOWED

A HEARTY MEAL

Trenches Filled With Bodies--"Pretty Hot in Front of Us," Says Wounded Frenchman, Who Took Part in Charge.

Paris, Sept. 29.—"Infantry attacks began at noon Saturday," said a soldier wounded in the Champagne fighting in describing the operations, which resulted in an important gain for the French.

"Our infantry men, waiting for the end of it, began to get impatient Saturday we ate, heartily at 11 o'clock, then looked over our arms. Finally at noon our chiefs shouted 'forward.' We began to yell like men possessed.

The trenches were filled up to the brim with German bodies. Further on we saw enormous craters, in which many Germans had been buried by falling earth.

It takes 200 minutes to turn out a full fledged aviator, and Bill has had thirty or forty minutes in the air.

Stratford, has been pretty well depleted of known material, the only senior player left being "Punch" Ferner, the fast rover.

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THE SPORT REVIEW

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Stand By Your Town

If you think your town's the best, Tell 'em so; If you'd have her lead the rest, Help her grow. When there's anything to do, Let the fellows count on you, You'll feel bully when it's through, Don't you know.