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Italy to Go to War Certain

Rome, May 7.—Austria rejects Italy's terms. The government has taken over all telephones. Germans are leaving the city. Austria suspends rail service to permit military trains to convey artillery and ammunition to Trieste. Declaration of war is certain.

Desperate Fighting on Eastern Front

Petrograd, May 6.—Official communication. An enemy's tanks and other small hostile warships were sighted off Libau today. In the region of Rosseny (Kovno Prince) we are successfully advancing. On the other fronts as far as Upper Vistula, no change. In Galicia, fighting between Vistula and Carpathians is developing with unvarying stubbornness. Germans have brought up fresh forces of great strength supported by very numerous artillery. The enemy following his old tactics of attacking in en masse formation is suffering enormous losses. Some of our units fell back to the second line of fortifications after desperate fighting. During nights of May 2-3, in the direction of Stry, the enemy recaptured part of trenches on Mount Mankvka. The following night we counter-attacked and dislodged the enemy. We captured here over 1200 prisoners including 30 officers. In region Angelow on upper Lomnitza, enemy on May 3 assumed the offensive on a somewhat extensive front, but movement was barred of results.

General Botha Successful

Capetown, May 7.—General Botha occupies important railway junction of Karibib and other stations in German southwest Africa. He expects also to occupy Windhunt very soon. Large quantities of rolling stock including seven locomotives were taken at Karibib. The town was occupied after a forced march of 35 miles over a waterless waste under conditions of heat, thirst and hunger, which called for greatest resolution and grit.

German Submarine Sinks Ten Trawlers

London, May 6.—To the nine trawlers, the sinking of which by a German submarine was reported today, another victim was added tonight. A Norwegian steamer landed this evening the crew of the trawler Sceptere, torpedoed 40 miles off Peterhead. This brings total number of victims of German underwater boats since Sunday up to fifteen. Submarines seem to be making determined efforts to prevent England from procuring fish in the North Sea.

Lusitania a Victim

Mammoth Liner With 1953 Souls on Board Torpedoed Off Coast of Ireland

London, May 7.—The Cunard liner Lusitania, which sailed from New York, May 1, was torpedoed within ten miles off Old Head of Kinsale, near Cork. She carried 1253 passengers and a crew of 700; it is believed that mostly all on board were saved, as all the life boats were overside before the vessel sank. The Admiralty despatched twenty vessels from Queenstown to aid in rescue work.

Before leaving New York advertisements appeared warning passengers of danger trip. Forty prominent Americans received anonymous warnings. Lusitania was flying the American flag for the protection of American passengers when torpedoed.

Ultimatum Sent to China By Japan

London, May 6.—A Tokio despatch says Japanese Government has sent an ultimatum to China allowing the Chinese Government forty-eight hours in which to accede to Japan's demands.

Peking, May 7.—China realizing position is hopeless is prepared to concede to Japan's demands.

German Losses Heavy

Paris, May 7.—An official note issued tonight says: "German general staff persists in giving out false detail concerning their offensive engagement. During the last 15 days enemy has suffered complete checks and severe losses, during which time the enemy attempted heavy offensive movements which we speedily broke down. The German losses in the Woevre and Vosges districts have been more than 35,000 men. At no part have they broken through our lines. They have taken no important position from us, but they have allowed a dozen of their finest regiments to be decimated."

Fighting for Hill 60

London, May 6.—Official communication. The general situation remains unchanged. Fighting is in progress on Hill No. 60, south-east of Ypres, on which Germans attacked our foothold this morning under cover of poisonous gases which were excessively used and were favored by weather conditions. A feeble attack, also preceded by an extensive use of poisonous gas, was made east of Ypres and was easily repulsed. Our artillery inflicting severe losses on the enemy. In neighborhood of Givenchy, Germans exploded a mine and again employed poisonous gases, four men only were poisoned, but otherwise the enemy's efforts in this direction failed completely.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

Having resumed her regular run the S. S. Chelohsin arrived at this port Sunday at 3 p. m. She brought a large amount of freight consigned to local merchants.

Among the outgoing passengers were Mr. T. G. Garrett, the traveling salesman, Mr. E. R. A. Russell of the Bank of B. N. A., and Mr. G. H. Lindsell.

We regret to learn that one of our settlers, Mr. A. F. Gothard, who has been engaged at Namu, has met with a somewhat serious accident. He was at work with others placing a shaft in position overhead, and in holding it up in its proper place he strained himself so much that some rupture took place above the abdomen. He was sent to the hospital at Bella Bella and is in a fair way to recovery.

A serious bush fire started near

paratory to putting in a crop.

We are glad to know that Mrs. S. Le C. Grant of Aytoun Ranch, after a severe illness is improving.

Mr. J. A. Pauline, the merchant of Bella Bella, on Tuesday last brought on his launch as passengers, Mr. R. O. Jennings, road-superintendent of the district, Mr. A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, and Mr. J. Fall, C. E.

Supt. Jennings comes here on his regular round of inspecting work done and directing the operations to be started.

Mr. Tomlinson is looking after the proper cultivation of the soil and the raising of crops, in order that the work of the farmer may become more remunerative and the soil more productive. Mr. Tomlinson takes a keen interest

Mr. Frank Johnson is improving nicely and hopes soon to be about with the aid of crutches. The bruise received on the other leg has really given him more pain than the broken bone.

His neighbors both of Firvale and The Crossing have given very kindly assistance with his seeding.

Mr. Graham's nursery has wintered well and promises a good growth for the summer.

Mr. Astleford has now one of finest herds of cattle in the valley.

A Visit to the Fire-Fighters.

BY OUR SPECIAL FIRE CORRESPONDENT.

The fight had been raging for two days and one night, when your correspondent arrived on the scene to note if the Government forces in action were doing their duty and earning their salt.

It was evening, the hush of the night should according to all the rules of sentiment and poetry now be stealing over the scenes, and tranquility reign supreme. Especially should this have been the case at Mr. Levelton's place, where the firefighters had gathered for their evening meal after an arduous fight in which they had routed the enemy and only the smoking ruins showed where the invader had harried the land. The first thing that roused the attention was the wild, weird notes of singing proceeding from a dozen hoarse voices and coming from the summer kitchen of Mr. Levelton's. Upon investigation it proved to be not some hilarious ditty common to the camp, but the song of a religious turn expressing a yearning to go home. These men knew their work had been done and was a credit to their industry; but the fire chief was absent conducting the fighting of a fire some miles farther up the valley and these patriots were now afraid they would have to spend another day on the scene, drawing wages at the rate of 50c per hour or less. Those who were not engaged in singing were refreshing tired nature by partaking of a frugal meal. There were a dozen men or so seated round an improvised table in the open air and waited upon by three young ladies. Your correspondent expected that finding these people so fortunately situated, they would find their lot happy, but no, they were also longing for the flesh pots of Egypt so to speak, presuming that Egypt had fresh meat, the complaint being that the canned meat furnished by the purveyor to His Majesty's forces was found to be unduly dark complected, sinister in appearance, and liable to cause internal disturbances. Happily the release for home was not long coming. The chief arrived soon after dark and the firefighters were sent home, only two remaining for sentry duty.

After inspecting the battlefield and feeling assured that this was a case where no just cause existed or could be found to criticize the government, the correspondent sought Mr. Levelton's hospitality for the night. Next morning the report was sent to headquarters afoot, no trains running and wires busy.

An unusual impressive service was held at the Hagensborg church last Sunday. It was the occasion of the solemnization of the confirmation ceremony of three of the young people of the church. The very fine sunny day had brought out a great number of people. The service began at the hour of 11 a. m. and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sageng. The young people confirmed were: Miss Synove Christensen; Peter Martin Fredland and Frederick Albert Schulstad.

Mr. Hoage has made a nice addition to his clearing.

Mr. Marvin made a visit to the townsite on business early this week.

The almost tropical heat and sunshine of the last week is sweeping the snow off the mountains, raising the rivers and stimulating the growth of vegetation. The farmers are busy and rejoicing.

The secretary of the Farmers' Institute Mr. Albert Hammer, paid the town a visit during the week.

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A joint meeting of the 24th of May committee and members of the executive of the Bella Coola Athletic Association was held in the Mackenzie schoolhouse the 1st inst. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. H. Gibson, and Mr. I. Fougner was secretary.

Applications for the privilege of selling refreshments, etc., was granted to the W. C. T. U., Mr. A. C. Christensen, and Mr. J. Hoage.

At the suggestion from the Over-Seas Club, a cablegram was sent the King on the 24th was decided upon.

The committee on sports presented a lengthy program for the two days of celebration, and it was given authority to make all necessary arrangements.

As the chairman, Mr. Gibson, will be prevented from taking any further part in the work of the committee by his trip to Vancouver, Mr. Wm. Sutherland was elected to take his place.

The committee decided that an itemized account of all the receipts and expenditures be published in the Courier.

The committee will meet again tonight.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 2 p. m.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION



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the Lower Bella Coola schoolhouse last Sunday morning. Our forest guard Mr. J. H. Lunos, came quickly on the scene and soon had about thirty men battling with the flames. The fire started from a place adjoining the schoolhouse.

A fire started by Mr. Olsen for the purpose of clearing land was supposed to be out on Saturday night, but it was found that there had been some left smoldering in a rotten log. A strong easterly wind threw sparks into the adjoining woods and soon the fire was roaring like thunder. By working hard digging trenches, cutting brush and falling trees the area of the fire was circumscribed in the course of about thirty hours, and with the wind going down the fire is now under control.

Another bush fire above Nootsatum, on Orville Robinson's land, started about the same time. Under the supervision of the fire guard it was soon subdued.

Miss Pecknold, the popular teacher of the Lower Bella Coola School, is having her lot opposite Mr. B. F. Jacobsen's residence cleared, levelled and fenced pre-

in his work and as a result we may look for improved methods of farming in our community.

Mr. J. Fall, C. E., is sent here by the government to examine into the practicableness of a route for a wagon road to the interior by way of the "Stillwater" at the head of Atnarko river.

Mr. Joseph Grummett, our former blacksmith, who recently returned from Australia, New Zealand and other distant places, was on Sunday last stricken by paralysis and is now at the hospital.

The hospital is having a large galvanized water tank installed.

The work on the road has begun for the season. Road-foreman Mr. Howard Brown has a gang of men at work near the Lower Bella Coola schoolhouse. Plowing along the side of the road and filling in the center will be the principal work of his gang.

The bridge across Snootchley river, which has been undermined, will be repaired.

We are pleased to chronicle that Mr. John H. Lunos has again received the appointment of forest guard for this district.

The Grand View Hotel opened its doors yesterday for the accommodation of guests.

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The Election.

The subject of early elections, both Provincial and Dominion, has been a standing topic for discussion now for quite awhile. Those who are not of the inner circle, just guess at the probable time, while those who ought to know decline to tell.

This playing fast and loose with the people of a whole nation in matters of such importance is of a nature to receive the condemnation of all thinking men. It shows a lack of dignity on the part of the Government. It is trifling with the people, which they as a whole should resent as showing that our servants in the government lack proper respect for the rightful sovereigns of a self-governing nation. This dangling of a probable early election before the people smacks too much of the character of cheap politicians. It is not right that the notice of an election should be so short that there will not be ample time to discuss the issues before the people. A campaign is a time of education on either national or provincial issues, and should be so treated and not as the case seems to be, a battle between the "ins" and "outs", a warfare in which almost any means are legitimate to use.

These "snap elections" look a good deal as if the government is afraid to give the people ample time to consider the issues. Where the government is proud of its record and have nothing to hide a campaign of reasonable length will only serve to strengthen it, in giving it an opportunity to refute charges and explain its objects. It is very seldom an issue springs up so suddenly and must be acted upon so quickly that the people should not be allowed a sufficient time for deliberation to enable them to act with intelligence. Neither is it right that men whom the people nominate as their representatives should be put to needless trouble, loss of time and expense by preparing for an election long before it is due. We would say to the Government, in times like these, when rumors of different kinds as to the time of the election are current, put everything at rest by issuing a notice that at a certain time election will be held, or if

that cannot be done, then inform the country that within a certain number of months or weeks there will be no election. By doing this the Government would show a proper regard for the people and we think the people would appreciate it. In times like the present, when the Empire is passing through a fiery trial let there be seriousness, dignity, and due consideration for others in all our actions, both public and private.

No Election Necessary.

Mr. Barnard, M. P., for Victoria, in defending the plan of having a Dominion election at this time, eighteen months before the expiration of the term of parliament, said the other day that, "Insomuch as 'business as usual' was the slogan of the British people during the war, there should be no interference with the ordinary procedure in respect to an election which in normal times is held every four years."

The Courier is utterly opposed to an election being held at this time. Mr. Barnard may try to deceive himself and others by maintaining that "business is as usual," but anyone not blinded by partisanship and pride must have observed, even if he has not felt it, that things are far from being as usual. If there ever was an unusual time in respect of nearly all human activities it is now. We see about us high cost of living, scarcity of employment and consequent destitution, stagnation in business and over and above everything else the great sacrifice of the nation's noblest best and most precious upon the battlefields of the most fearful war in all time; and in the face of this, politicians have the hardihood and the callousness to say that things are as usual.

Instead of having an unnecessary election at this time let the nation husband her resources and concentrate the mind and all her energies in ameliorating the unusual conditions existing. At this time there is no issue to be decided by an election, the terms of parliament is far from expiring and therefore there is no



earthly need of an election at this time. We have far weightier matters to occupy our attention.

The Canadian Soldier.

Canada is not a military nation in the same sense as the European powers. Her soldiers do not receive the training of the European continental countries and it would, therefore, seem likely that our men now engaged in fighting the battles of the Empire and of civilization against the finest armies of the world would be found inferior to these. But such is not the case. These men of ours who come direct from the offices, workshops and farms, have proven themselves actually superior to the veterans of Germany. In the great battle of last week, the Canadians drove far superior numbers of the enemy before them. Canada is proud of her soldiers!

We regret the loss of so many of these fine men on the field of carnage, but we are glad that the sacrifice was made in the cause of humanity, and of the hastening of the day when there shall be only one army and one navy maintained by all the powers of the world for the preservation of peace.

The Country School.

Prof. Chas. N. Eliot, one of the foremost educators of America, believes in a change of the system of education practised in the rural districts. In a letter to The Banker-Farmer an American journal, he says:

"There is great need for a thorough reconstruction of the program of the rural schools. The instruction which they now provide in reading, writing and arithmetic should not be diminished in amount, but altered in nature. The greater part of the direct instruction should relate to natural history, agriculture and farm life; and the books used for teaching reading and spelling should be on these sub-

jects, with additional primers on geography, American history and civics. The arithmetic should be confined to the simplest examples in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, decimals being made familiar almost from the start; for the well-taught child will learn about tenths and hundredths as quickly as about tens and hundreds. All the child's reading, and all the teacher's oral instruction, should be illustrated with concrete examples, and every child should be trained to see, hear, and touch accurately, and to remember what it thus learns by observation. An important part of the school program should be devoted to the training of the senses, and to this kind of training of the memory. No matter what system be employed in teaching reading, every child should learn the alphabet by heart; and whenever a change is made in the system of teaching the children to write—such changes have been too frequent of late—the change should apply only to beginners, and not to the children who have already practiced long the rejected system. In the last two years of the rural school's course, every child should learn the elements of agriculture and gardening, and should have a garden plot to cultivate. Prizes should be offered for the best plots of vegetables, small fruits, and flowers. Every boy should be given practice in the use of carpenter's tools; and every girl should be taught to sew, cook, and can fruits and vegetables. Reading aloud and singing should be a substantial part of every rural school's program. The practice in English composition should mainly consist of writing descriptions of what the child itself sees, hears or touches.

Presbyterian Minister Finds Fault.

At the conference of the Synod of the Presbyterian church, held in Vancouver recently, Rev. J. S. Henderson of New Westminster, secretary of social service and evangelism, declared that politically the conditions in the province were very serious. He declared that there was a political machine in the province that was a menace to the state and

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that not until that machine was smashed would they have their rights. Economic conditions were not due so much to the war but to the frantic methods of financing the province in 1910-11-12.

The Liberal candidate for the Omineca district, Alex. M. Manson, said in a speech at Hazelton: "I am not asking one for their vote because was a Liberal—this is not a test between Liberals and Conservatives, but between people and the autocrats who have been running the province into bankruptcy as fast as possibly could."

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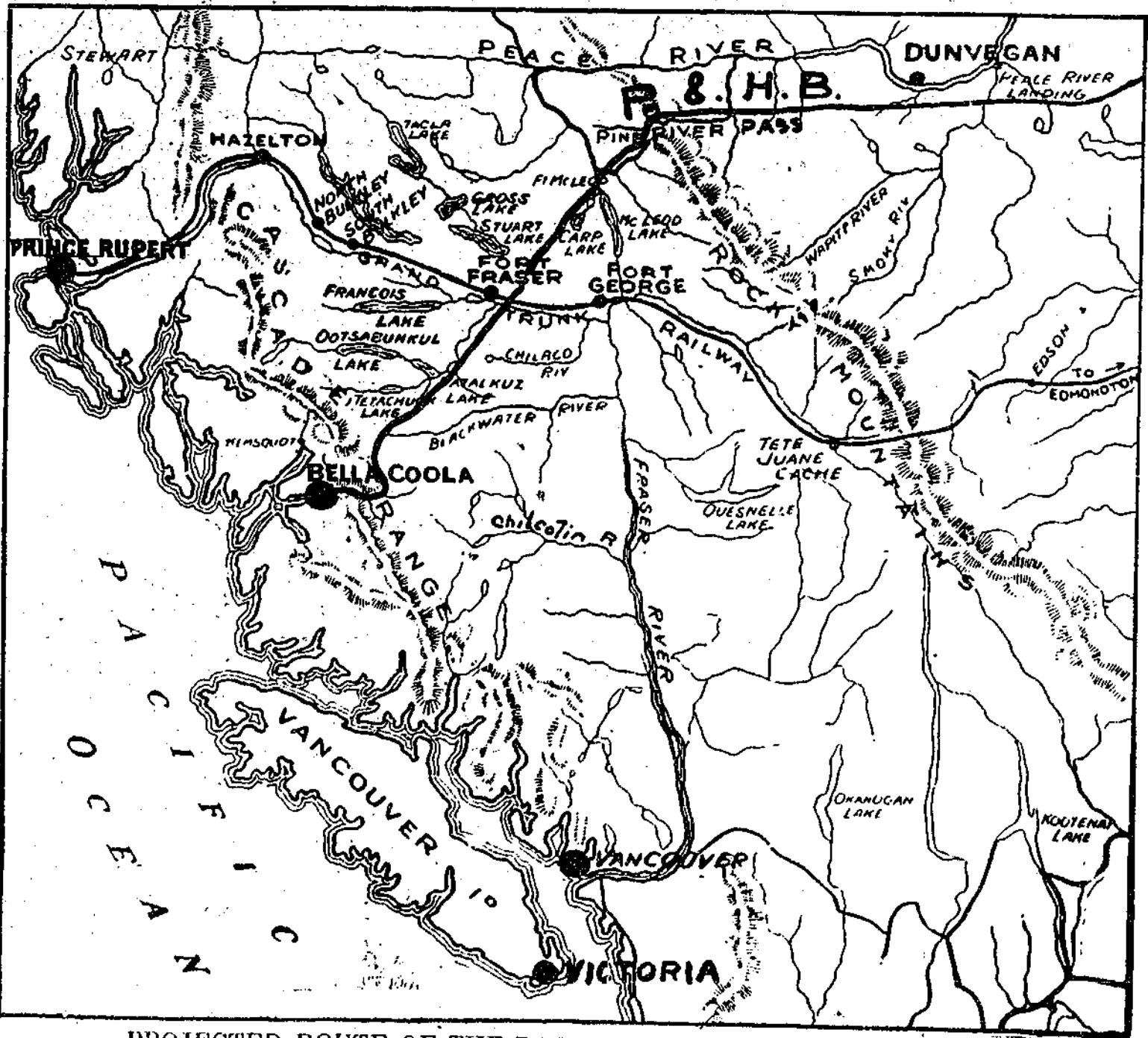
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Canada's Great Battle

The supreme effort made by the Germans to break the lines of the Allies failed by the heroism of the Canadians. The ground lost in the battle described below has been partly retaken and the Germans are again on the defensive.

It has been Canada's battle and although it was not won, yet the main German attack has spent itself and French reinforcements have retaken a goodly portion of the lost ground. The villages on the Yser canal, which Ger-

any still claims in her wireless reports, have been recaptured, and, best of all, the surprise which the Germans hoped would leave them an easy road to Dunkirk has failed, and the Allies' steadied troops are now thinking only of revenge for the bloodiest battle in the war. Canadian estimates of the casualties vary from eight to ten thousand, but it must be remembered that hundreds of men, overcome by gases, are still being rescued. On the other hand, officers of the 13th and 14th battalions, who were on the extreme left of the lines,

say that the advancing enemy bayoneted scores of our unconscious men.

General Alderson and his staff seemed to have performed superhuman feats. They rode along the whole line and not only cheered the companies but handled the division so that there never was any real chaos. There was not a cog in the whole machine out of place. The ammunition columns did heroic work, bringing up ammunition through the deadly gas and shells that were bursting behind our trenches.

The artillery never fought so well before, and they have been mentioned in special messages from headquarters several times. One wounded artillery officer says that the guns had the exact range of the first charge of the Germans and though he could not, at first, see the effect of the fire, because of the yellow cloud of gas which was drifting across the front, in about half an hour they had the satisfaction of knowing that every shell was finding densely massed bodies of the advancing enemy's infantry.

The main attack came early Thursday afternoon, when huge shells began raining into our trenches, and behind the yellow cloud which floated towards the French position—the Canadians were at the point of the salient—could be seen thousands of the enemy's infantry advancing to the attack. Some of the leading ranks had divers' dresses on and spray apparatus on their backs. Others had nose protectors such as mine rescuers wear.

Our left line advanced and caught many of the Germans with an enflading fire. Then General Alderson brought word that the Moroccans and Senegalese had given way and we had to fall back and join their line. The movement under the direction of General Alderson himself, was without disorder, though at one time a section of the Canadians were fighting practically back to back. The capture of the guns, which were behind the French lines, is already known; so is their recapture.

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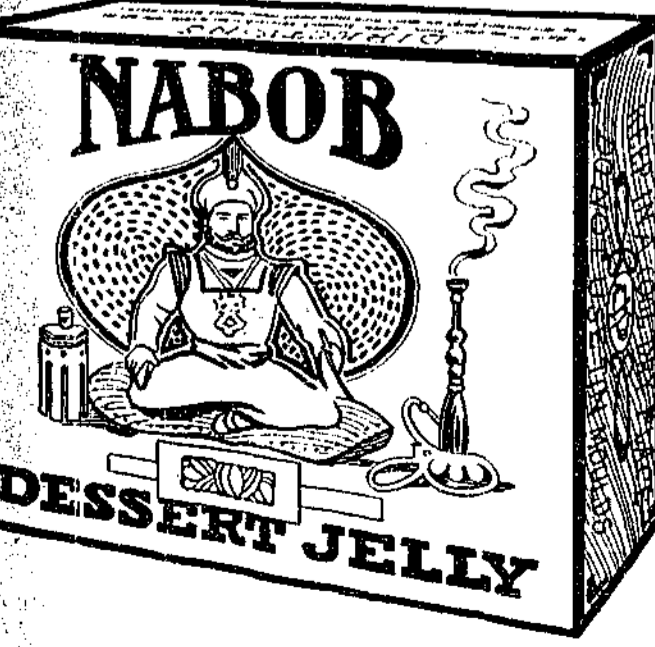
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