

FRENCH ADVANCE PICARDY LINES

Foch's Troops Penetrate Village of Saily-Saillisel—Gain on Bethune Road—Violent German Counter-Attacks Against Them and the British Are Completely Repulsed—Allied Aeroplanes Herald General Offensive.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The French advanced their lines today north and south of the Somme. To the north they penetrated the village of Saily-Saillisel, and extended their positions on the Bethune road. To the south they captured a small wood between Genemont and Ablaincourt, north of Chaulnes. Violent counter-attacks by the Germans failed to win back any of the ground they had lost. Meanwhile the British clung steadfastly to their positions at the Schwaben redoubt in the face of furious assaults, in which the enemy used liquid fire. The Germans say that the British, in an attack northeast of Guesdecourt, penetrated the enemy's first line trenches, but were forced to abandon them later.

The capture by General Foch's troops of the part of the village of Saily-Saillisel and positions on the road to Bapaume in that sector marks another important step in the drive on Bapaume. Another day should see the completion of the investment of the village. With that obstacle removed the French will be able to sweep forward along the Bethune road to the east of Transloy, which will then be placed in such a pocket as that which resulted in the capture of Combles. The fall of Transloy will straighten out the whole allied front which forms the base of the Bapaume triangle. Then the British can continue operations in conjunction with the French, the two armies moving north toward their objective on both sides of the constantly narrowing triangle.

The French success south of the Somme strengthens their grip on the lines along which lie Chaulnes and Barleaux, the bastions of the enemy's defences south of Peronne. Only a few more gains are needed to bring the French where they can launch the final assault for Peronne itself.

The allied aeroplanes are again becoming active in reconnaissance work, heralding the renewal of a general offensive along the whole Somme front. The bombardment of the German lines has increased in fury during the last few days, and a great deal of damage has been inflicted on enemy works.

TEUTONS PRESS ROUMANIA DRIVE.

Pour Through Torburger Seven Miles Into Country—Some Attacks Repulsed—Foe Beaten Back in Alt Valley, Where Roumanians Take Three Villages—Russians Mass Troops in Bukowina and Capture 1,200 Prisoners.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Beating off Falkenhayn's attacks in the border passes the Roumanians resumed their counter-attacks today. In the Alt Valley they won three villages. But on the rest of the long front from Orsova to Bukowina the Teuton pressure is unrelenting and only the sternest resistance is blocking the roads into Roumania.

The battle is still at a critical stage. Driving through the Torburger Pass the invading forces already have penetrated seven miles into Roumania. They are striving for Kampolung at the head of the railway leading directly to Bucharest. But at every other point they have not succeeded yet in crossing the border line.

Valiant efforts are being made by the Russians to halt the Teuton offensive. They are sending troops to bulwark the Roumanian troops in Bukowina, aiming to break through the Carpathian Passes and so force a junction with the hard-pressed Roumanians. Anticipating this assault from Bukowina, the Teutons struck northward today. Attacking with heavy forces they threw the Czar's troops across the Negra Valley near the Roumanian border. In the Kirlibaba sector, to the northwest, they also assumed the offensive, but this drive failed, leaving 1,200 prisoners in the hands of the Russians.

This move against the Russians is aided greatly by the lateral railway on the Transylvanian side of the frontier, enabling Falkenhayn to concentrate his troops easily. Undoubtedly it will divert more of the Czar's troops from the attack before Lemberg.

The Roumanian situation continues to be serious. Although King Ferdinand's troops have had time to fortify all the border passes Falkenhayn is battering the defences without pause. Each hour the Roumanian line holds lessens the Teuton chance of breaking through, for the allied commands are taking all measures to relieve the pressure.

For the moment the greatest danger is in the Torburger Pass, where the Germans are striking for the railway to the capital. Kampolung is only ten miles beyond their reach, and it lies on the edge of the Roumanian Plain.

HON. WALTER SCOTT HAS RESIGNED

Ill-Health Has Necessitated His Relinquishing Post at Head of Saskatchewan—In Public Life Since 1900.

REGINA, Sask., Oct. 17.—Hon. Walter Scott has resigned the Premiership of Saskatchewan on account of ill-health.

Following confinement to his house through his illness for several weeks Premier Scott left Regina the latter part of September for the south to get the best possible advice, and when he left it was the hope of himself and all his friends that the medical report would be of such a character that he could return in a short time and resume his duties. Unfortunately the specialist has reported that it is absolutely necessary that he give up work and responsibility for a period of at least one year if he is to regain his health. Consequently, under the circumstances, the Premier feels there is nothing else for him to do but to resign, and his resignation reached the Lieutenant-Governor today. The Government is considering the matter carefully, but no announcement as to the probable successor can be looked for for a few days.

THE LATEST CASUALTY LIST

Killed in Action
Capt. W. H. Hudson, Belleville.

Died of Wounds
Geo. Wright, Marmora
J. L. Hill, Bobcaygeon.
Chas. W. Scott, Gionora.

Seriously Ill
Alex. Beaton, 421 Bleecker Avenue, Belleville.

Wounded
K. Myatt, Picton
C. Birch, Trenton
C. B. Cameron, Harold
A. R. Casement, Coe Hill
H. J. Duchemin, Campbellford
W. M. Mercer, Fort Hope
Herbert L. Bedford, Brighton
W. E. Graham, Peterborough
Jno. E. Gynone, Kingston
Harry Woodhouse, Kingston.

THE ATTITUDE OF MOTORISTS

At the police court this morning, during the course of a case of infraction of the Motor Vehicle Act, there was considerable discussion over the attitude of motorists who feared to give information that would lead to the detection of lawbreakers. Rather than tell, they keep silence and thus become in a sense a party to lawbreaking. On the other hand if they would give a clue, they would assist in reducing infractions and thus protect themselves against the recklessness of motorists whom they may meet.

Chief Newton states that the problem of infraction of the motor laws is an acute one.

DESTRUCTION BY THE WIND

Last night's terrible gale blew down a number of signs on Front street. A silo was demolished in Prince Edward.

BREAD SEIZED.

About sixty loaves of bread were seized by Bread Inspector B. R. Quincy this morning. The bread had been baked at Gilbert's bakery and fell below the prescribed weight.

JOINING BATTERY

Many young men of Belleville are joining the artillery at the Church St. Recruiting Office.

NOISES OVER HEAD

A Chinaman complained to the police of noises last night in a room above his head. The celestial disturbance was soon quelled.

INDOOR SHOOTING

The Belleville Rifle Association begin their indoor shooting tonight at the armoueries. Messrs. H. Day and W. Andrews have put up two pairs of wild ducks for competition among the members.

ACCUSED OF FRAUD

George Babcock, aged 25 years, was placed under arrest this morning on a charge of obtaining by fraud three dollars from the informant, Emily Garrison.

MAN WANDERS

An old man was found wandering on Front street at 5.35 this morning. He was brought to the station. His name was learned and he was sent home.

Miller's Worm Powders act so thoroughly that stomachic and intestinal worms are literally ground up and pass from the child without being noticed and without inconvenience to the sufferer. They are painless and perfect in action, and at all times will be found a healthy medicine, strengthening the infantile stomach and maintaining it in vigorous operation, so that, besides being an effective vermifuge, they are tonic and health-giving in their effects.

SOMME DEFENSIVE EXTENDED ; GRAVE SITUATION AT ATHENS

Allied Forces Dominate Greek City—Bitter Fighting at Transylvanian Pass—Germans Make No Headway—French Take More of Saily—Serbs Check Bulgar Counter-Attacks—Belgian Workmen Sent to Germany—Pro-German Believes Allies Will Win.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ADVANCING.

LONDON, OCT. 17.—General Haig reports the British troops extended the Somme offensive north of the Ancre last night and entered enemy trenches west of Serre.

The French war office announces that last night French troops captured a number of additional houses in the town of Saily, northeast of Combles. German counter-attacks failed.

ALLIES CONTROL CITY OF ATHENS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Athens despatches state that the commander of the Mediterranean has handed the Greek Government a note of an extremely grave character. The railway stations of Athens, City Hall and Castella barracks have been occupied by French and Italian marines. Detachments of bluejackets with machine guns are stationed in the municipal theatre.

GERMANS MAKE NO HEADWAY AT PASS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Despatches from Bucharest report bitter fighting in the Transylvania Pass. German forces are making no serious headway.

SERBIANS CHECK BULGARIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Violent artillery fighting is in progress on the Macedonian front in the region of the Cerna River, the War Office reports the Serbians checked Bulgarian counter-attacks.

BELGIAN WORKMEN SHOT BY GERMANS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—Three hundred workmen in a Ghent factory who refused to work in German munition factories in Belgium have been arrested and sent to Germany, twelve who resisted were shot.

PROMINENT PRO-GERMAN'S PREDICTION.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Samuel McClellan who is regarded as a strong pro-German returned home on the steamer Lafayette from Bordeaux. He expressed himself as convinced that the Allies will emerge from the contest victorious.

LAKE SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE.

OSWEGO, Oct. 17.—The schooner Lizzie Metzner went ashore off Oswego early today in a sixty-mile gale, the crew consisting of Captain Chauncey Daryaw, Samuel Willard and J. R. Lobb, all of Kingston, Ont., were rescued by the coastguard by means of the breeches buoy. Several yachts in Oswego harbor were driven on the rocks by the gale.

SIR WILFRID TO REPLY TO THE PREMIER TODAY

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—The letter from Sir Robert Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier inviting the latter's co-operation in forming a joint Parliamentary Committee of both parties to issue "a clear and explicit call" for war service reached Sir Wilfrid yesterday afternoon. He will reply to the Prime Minister today. The Premier's suggestion is for a committee of twelve members seven from the Government side and five from the Opposition ranks.

Apart from the fact that the suggestion for coalition is now decidedly belated, and that there is practically no new or specific action proposed by the government, it may be pointed out that the formation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee might be more properly timed when Parliament is in session and when the members themselves could appoint their own committee. While expressing his full desire to promote in every way possible the proper organization of war efforts in Canada, it is probable that Sir Wilfrid will suggest to the leader of the Government that more practical results might be reached by asking a committee of representative business men, labor men, agriculturists, etc., to meet and issue the suggested national appeal.

SERBIANS MAKE GAINS

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Activity on both wings of the Macedonian front. The battle in which the Serbs, French and Russians are opposing the Bulgars south of Monastir is still undecided, but the Serbs have made progress in the bend of the Cerna. On the right wing the operations against Seres are developing. French troops have cut the railway south of the town, which is now separated from Demis Hissar.

British forces on the Struma front in Macedonia are active on the left flank of their line east of the river, and have pushed their outposts farther northeast in the direction of Demir Hissar, according to today's official announcement on the operations of the Saloniki army. The village of Bursuk, eight miles southwest of Demir Hissar, has been entered by British patrols, who drove back Bulgarian detachments.

SCOTCH UNIFORMS OF THE 154th BATTALION.

Today Captain Coker, quartermaster of the 154th battalion, received the doublets of the battalion from the government stores at Ottawa. Many of the officers are wearing the Glen-garry cap already, and there is no question now about the 154th being a highland battalion. The board on clothing, with Lt.-Col. Gillespie as president, finished its work on Saturday last. The order for the kilts is being rushed, and will be sent to the 154th as soon as completed.

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You'll not find it difficult to select a hat that will exactly become you if you choose it from our complete "New York" showing. Every new style note that has been struck this season is reflected in the models now displayed.

There are big hats and small hats and all the "in between" shapes. The greater part of these are Velvets, some combined with silk, a full range of all the fashionable colors and trimmings. The models at \$5.00 and \$6.00 representing REAL beauty, REAL originality and REAL values. A special showing of Hatters Plush Hats just in from "New York", priced at \$3.00 to \$7.00.



The New Broadcloth Neckwear

The very latest Neckwear novelty now showing in the most becoming shapes, priced at 75c to \$2.00.

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Under the capable management of Miss Murphy has made many new and highly satisfied customers this season and if you are planning a strictly exclusive suit, a Street Dress, Evening Gown, a pretty Blouse or a separate Skirt, Miss Murphy will be pleased to meet you, help you to select a becoming style and choose the materials—Satisfaction assured. (Dressmaking 2nd floor)

Ladies' "Penman's" Cashmere Hose 39c pr. 3 pr. \$1.10

These are extra values being all Wool Cashmere in just the right weight for present and future wear they are full fashioned and seamless, with double soles and heels, in sizes 8-12 to 10.

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HUNS WRANGLE OVER U-BOAT WAR

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—A largely-attended meeting of "the independent committee for German peace," one of the organizations conducting an agitation for a ruthless submarine war, was held here yesterday. Deputy Fuhrmann, National Liberal leader in the Prussian Diet, acted as chairman.

According to The Tageblatt's report, the meeting insisted that an unrestricted submarine war must and should begin immediately. Count von Reventlow, editorial writer of The Tages Zeitung, who was one of the prominent speakers added Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the interior, to the list of undesirables. He declared that Dr. Helfferich was more dangerous than the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

GONNAUGHT CANADA'S TRUE FRIEND

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—The Duke of Connaught, on the eve of his departure for England, sent the following communication to Sir Robert Borden in reply to the premier's message expressing deepest appreciation of his services:

"I cannot leave the shores of Canada without assuring you as its prime minister of the very deep regret that I sever my official connection with the Dominion. It will always remain to me a source of great pride that during a period of five years I held the proud position of His Majesty's representative in Canada. I shall at all times continue to take the greatest interest in all that affects the welfare and happiness of all sections of the Canadian people, and will ever remember with the deepest gratitude all the kindness I, the duchess and our daughter have received in every part and province of your great Dominion.

"In bidding farewell I pray that God may ever bless Canada and its people.

(Signed) Arthur."

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