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HIGH PRAISE FOR THE JAPS

Gunners Did Well Before Tsing Tau; Scouts Were Shrewd and Infantry Delivered Hurricane-like Assaults

New York, Nov. 19.—East and West News Bureau today made public the following cable from Tokio: Captain Meyer Waldeck, formerly Governor of Tsing Tau, was brought yesterday to Frakuoka where there is a station for keeping prisoners.

Frakuoka is a port in Kish, one of the Southernmost Islands of Japan.

After expressing gratitude for the honour conferred upon him by the Jap Emperor in allowing him to wear his sword, he said, that what led Germany to fortify Tsing Tau was aside from preparing itself against the attack of China and the presumption that some day Tsing Tau may face an enemy England, France or Russia.

"We never dreamed we should fight with Japan."

There is nothing but praise for the marksmanship of the Japanese gunners with heavy artillery, for the shrewdness of the scouts and the skill shown in the entrenchments of the Jap troops.

Although there is much room for improvement in the marksmanship of the Jap infantry, their hurricane-like assault is unequalled by the infantry of other nations.

GOVERNMENT BACK TO PARIS

London, Nov. 18.—The Paris correspondent of The Times states that the whole Legislative and Administrative staffs of the French Chamber of Deputies will return to-morrow to Paris as a prelude to the return of the French Government.

The Fogota arrived at Musgrave at 5.10 last evening and left at 7.40 p.m.

Mate Olson of the Danish schr. Laura arrived by the Prospero this morning to undergo treatment at the General Hospital.

Capt. Kean Stays Ashore, Or Big Strike May Result In the City Next Spring

(Special to Mail and Advocate.)

Catalina, Nov. 19.—The F.P.U. Convention yesterday passed resolutions dealing with the amendments of the Sealing Bill doing away with the right of property in seals and bringing sealers under the provisions of the Workingmen's Compensation Act.

The Convention asked the reintroduction of the Loggers' Bill and the passage of a law to prohibit Abraham Kean ever again sailing as master of any ship and the President is authorized to organize a strike of sealers in the event of Bowring's attempting to allow Kean again to command a sealing ship.

A Permanent Disaster Fund has also been established, starting with \$5,200.

Twillingate delegates arrived at 3 p.m. yesterday, disgusted with the slowness of the Prospero.

The Convention held three sessions yesterday, from 9.30 to midnight, and will close this afternoon.

A grand demonstration will be tendered the President and delegates this evening on entraining for St. John's.

DEAD WARRIOR AT OWN HOME

Lying For Short While in Room Where He Conducted Family Prayers

Ascot, England, Nov. 19.—Covered with the Union Jack, and with his khaki hat and sword upon it, the coffin containing the body of Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar, now lies in a small room in his modest residence here, in which the great soldier was wont to conduct family prayers, and in which there is a small altar and crucifix.

The coffin arrived from Folkestone by special train yesterday afternoon.

The ceremony which followed was of the most simple description.

The coffin was borne by employees of the late Field Marshal's estate, to his house, where a brief service, attended by Lady Roberts and daughters and a few privileged friends, was conducted by the Rector of Ascot.

Naval Casualties Of British To Date Over Five Thousand

London, Nov. 18.—The First Lord of the Admiralty stated in the House of Commons today, in reply to a question, that the total British naval casualties to date were officers killed, 222; wounded, 37; missing, 5; men killed, 3,455; wounded, 428; missing, one. This list, he said, did not include the missing officers and men in the Royal Naval Division at Antwerp and on the British cruiser Good Hope, sunk off the coast of Chili, which totalled one thousand and eight hundred and seventy-five respectively.

No Response To U.S. Offer To Mediate

Washington, Nov. 18.—No suggestion of overtures for peace in the European conflict has been made by any of the belligerents in response to President Wilson's tender of the friendly offices of the United States and there is no present intention on the part of the President to renew his negotiations to end the war.

The President gave this information to callers yesterday and added that his Government now awaits some action by the belligerents.

Germans Meet Heavy Losses At Dixmude

London, Nov. 18.—A correspondent at Amsterdam sends the following: "According to the Telegrams of the Netherlands, correspondent, the Germans occupying Dixmude have suffered heavy losses. In fresh fighting which has taken place there, they lost 2,700 men."

"The town of Nieupoort is badly damaged and heavy cannonading was heard Tuesday in the direction of Ypres, indicating the renewal of severe fighting there."

Are Uneasy About "Vigilant"

Over three weeks ago the Danish schr. Vigilant left St. John's for Little Bay Islands to load fish at Strong & Murcell's and has not yet reached her destination.

Much uneasiness is felt for her especially since the Fogota reported seeing wreckage.

Vessel Wrecked In Bonavista Bay

Mr. T. Philpots, of Indian Arm, B.B., who left for home by Tuesday's express had a message just before leaving that his schooner Lucy Jane was wrecked in Bonavista Bay on her trip North.

The schr. had a full load of provisions.

The s.s. Cape Breton left Sydney at 4.30 this a.m.

OFFICIAL BULLETINS

GERMANS LOST MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR MEN

In Alsace and so their Reserves Had to be Withdrawn—Allied Line Holds Everywhere and Some Progress is Reported

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Nov. 18.—A French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says: Yesterday, Nov. 17th, passed much as did the day before,—there were numerous artillery exchanges and some isolated attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry, all of which were repulsed.

Active Bombardment.

From the North Sea to the Lys, the front was subjected to a fairly active bombardment, particularly at Nieupoort and to the East and to the South of Ypres near Bixchoote, the Zeunes, charging with the bayonet, brilliantly took possession of the Forest which had been disputed between the enemy and ourselves for three days.

To the South of Ypres, an offensive movement on the part of the enemy's infantry was repulsed by our troops.

British Maintained Positions.

The English army also maintained the front.

From Arras to the Oise there is nothing new to report.

In the region of Craonne our artillery on several occasions secured an advantage over the batteries of the enemy.

The bombardment of Rheims has continued.

From Rheims to the Argonne there is nothing new to report.

Counter Attacks Failed.

In the region of St. Mihiel, in spite of counter attacks by the Germans, we have retained in our possession the Western part of the village of Chauvincourt.

In Alsace, the Landwehr battalions sent into the region of Sainte Marie Aux Mines have had to be taken out for the reason that they lost one-half of their effective strength.

Marked Progress Made By The Allies

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Nov. 17 (Midnight).—According to the latest report, the enemy has renewed, Eastward and Southwestward of Ypres, several attacks which have not brought any change in situation. The position is satisfactory.

During the past few days we have made marked progress, more or less important, everywhere.

We have attacked at Hetsas, on the Yser between Armentieres and Arras, in the region of Vailly on the Argonne and on the Heights of Meuse.

A Cabinet meeting was held at Bordeaux yesterday under the Presidency of Mr. Poincare.

The schr. Ambition arrived from Conche today with 3500 qtls. fish for Mr. Moore.

Prince Of Wales Now Aide-de-Camp To Gen. French

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Nov. 18. (Press Bureau).—The third division yesterday, was heavily attacked, first by artillery, then by infantry.

Two battalions were shelled out of their trenches, but recovered them by brilliant counter-attacks, driving the disordered enemy back five hundred yards. A brigade of the second division was also attacked during the day, the enemy being repulsed with heavy loss.

The Prince of Wales has been appointed an aide-de-camp to Sir John during the last two days.

The French Government reported marked progress at several points French, and has proceeded to Headquarters. —HARCOURT.

Mr. Joseph Johnson, Monroe St., was taken in charge by the police this morning as he is mentally afflicted. He will be sent to the Asylum this afternoon.

Allied Troops Capture Strong German Positions In Arras Neighborhood

Paris, Nov. 18.—French and British troops to-day smashed the Kaiser's battle front near Arras, capturing positions of great strength, from which Germans had been launching raids against the Canal routes to the French sea coast.

All the highways and canals north in the Armentieres and Arras region are now shelled by the Allies.

The Germans to-day sent heavy reinforcements to the Dixmude region, where they are battling desperately to drive the French and British from the canal dykes.

District Council Sends Its Congrats. To Mr. A. B. Morine

(Special to Mail and Advocate.)

Catalina, Nov. 18.—Bonavista District Council, now in session convened, extends to A. B. Morine congratulations on his acclamatory election and also a hearty welcome to his old district and friends.

Signed on behalf of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U.—R. G. Winsor, Michael Kenfic, John Abbott, Job B. Wornell.

Violent Cannonading Marked Day In West

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Nov. 18.—The day has been marked by violent and almost uninterrupted cannonade on our front in the North.

In the region of St. Mihiel the Germans have blown up the west part of Chauvincourt, which they had mined.

There is nothing to report from other parts of the front.

Berlin Claims Some Successes Over Russians

(German Official Bulletin.)

Berlin, Nov. 19.—Fighting in West Flanders continues, and the situation on the whole is unchanged.

In the forest of Argonne our attacks continue successfully.

French sorties South of Verdun were repulsed.

An attack was made against our forces, which had moved forward on the Western Bank of the River Meuse near St. Mihiel, and altho it was originally successful for the enemy, it broke down completely later on.

Our attack to the South East of Ciry compelled the French to surrender some of their positions.

Chateau Chatillon was stormed and taken by our troops.

New battles have developed in Poland in the region north of Lodz, but no decision has yet been reached. To Southeast of Soldau, East Prussia, the enemy has been forced to retreat in the direction of Melawa.

Upon the western wing a strong Russian cavalry force which we defeated on Nov. 16th, has been driven back through Tilikallen.

Germans Blow Up Chauvincourt

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BRITISH HELP FOR THE BELGIANS

London, Nov. 19.—The Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs stated in the House of Commons that the Government had contributed \$500,000 to the Belgian Government for the purchase of food stuffs for the destitute inhabitants of that country.

The s.s. Durango sail for Liverpool at 3 p.m.

FORCED OUT THE GERMANS

British Troops and French Bluejackets, by Brilliant Night Attack Capture Belgian Town From the Enemy

Paris, Nov. 19.—A brilliant attack by British troops and French sailors caused the Germans to evacuate Schoorhakke, Belgium, which is partly surrounded by water from broken dykes.

Because of the flood only two roads were open to the town and along one of these the British approached in two armored automobiles. It was a night attack and the Germans in the town immediately turned their attention to them.

Meanwhile the bluejackets, who had made rafts on flat bottomed boats, crossed the water and took the Germans in the rear, forcing them to flee by the one road still open.

The Germans abandoned many guns ammunition and stores and their dead and wounded.

U. S. A. Orders Its Navy Officers To Keep Out Of It

Washington, Nov. 19.—Secy. Daniels late today cabled the commander of the cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina to act only on instructions from Washington and to take no steps which might be calculated to embarrass the United States Government.

Ask The Turks For Explanation

Washington, Nov. 19.—The United States Government has directed Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to ask the Ottoman Government for an explanation of the firing by Turkish land forces at a launch from the American cruiser Tennessee.

Secretary Daniels, with the approval of President Wilson, simultaneously cabled the commanders of the Tennessee and the North Carolina also in Mediterranean to take no action which might embarrass the American Government and to await instructions from Washington concerning the general situation.

ENROLMENTS IN THE RESERVE

Entered in H.M.S. Calypso From 6th October to 18th November Inclusive.

Table listing enrolments in the reserve for various locations: St. John's, Conception Bay, Grace and Carbonar, Trinity Bay, Notre Dame Bay, Bonavista Bay, Placentia Bay, St. George's, Petty Harbour, Twillingate, Fogot, Whitbourne, Bell Island, Southern Shore, Prince Edward Island, Wales (Gt. Britain), Mass., U.S.A., Bay of Islands.

Arrested Yesterday

Two brothers of the West End were arrested yesterday afternoon on charges preferred by two young ladies who are sisters. The cases will be settled out of court.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fair and cold today and for a part of Friday, then increasing east winds.

FRANCE RECALLS HER DECORATIONS

Will Degrade Germans From Their Rank in the Legion of Honor—New Postal Measures

(British Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Nov. 18. (Midnight).—Yesterday was characterised by heavy and nearly unceasing cannonading on our northern front. In St. Mihiel region the Germans blew up the westward part of Chauvincourt which they had mined.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report.

A cabinet meeting under the presidency of Mr. Poincare, President of the Republic has sanctioned a decree recalling the Legion of Honor decorations granted to German subjects with the exception of Alsations and Lorrains.

The Council also organised and adopted new measures with a view to improving the postal service for the armies.

The Minister of Agriculture announced that, according to his investigations in several regions, the agricultural situation is satisfactory.

CAPTURED GERMAN GENERAL'S MOTOR

Bombardier R. L. Purday, Royal Field Artillery, writing home to Nottingham, says:

We had one bit of luck. It seems that a German general was surprised, and he left his motor-car in a wood. I was one of about six who found it. We didn't half have a feed—biscuits, chocolates, ham, wine, and cigars. I collared his sleeping-bag.

It is waterproof, blanket-lined, and has a pneumatic pillow that blows up. I shall bring it home if I can, but we have a job to stick to our things at times.

Charged With Incest

The man Recketts, of White Bay, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of incest against his daughter will go before the Grand Jury this afternoon.

The girl, who is only about 15 years of age, and the nurse arrived by the Prospero to-day.

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