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FRENCH REPULSE BULGARIAN ATTACKS IN SOUTHERN SERBIA

Landing of Russian Troops on Bulgarian Coast is Reported

SIR JOHN FRENCH ATTRIBUTES SUCCESSES LARGELY TO WORK OF NEW ARTILLERY

NEW GUNS STOOD TEST OF HOOGE FIGHTING WELL

Sir John French Describes Recent Success in France.

USED GAS FIRST TIME

Demoralizing Effect on German Formations—New Canadian Division Praised.

"A new division has been sent from Canada and has joined the army in the field. The material of which it is composed is excellent, and this division, will, I am convinced, acquit itself as well in the face of the enemy as the first Canadian division has already done."—Sir John French, in a despatch to Earl Kitchener.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—How the British strengthened their artillery by the introduction of new weapons and the skilful handling of the old along the front in Flanders, where the Germans were driven back in the great offensive of Sept. 25, is the chief disclosure of popular interest in a long official despatch from Field Marshal Sir John French to Earl Kitchener, which is published tonight under date of General Headquarters in France, Oct. 15.

Gen. French refers to the arrival in the field from Canada of a new division, which he says is composed of excellent material.

"This division will, I am convinced, acquit itself as well as the first Canadian division always has done," the field marshal says.

Intense Counter-Attacks.

The despatch is mainly a technical military review of the inception, the carrying out and the aftermath of the fighting around La Bassee, Loos and Hulluch. Nevertheless, it brings to the British public for the first time a full realization of the intensity with which the Germans launched their counter-attacks. These, Gen. French says, were almost continuous from the day of the big British attack up to and including Oct. 8.

Then, the field marshal writes, the Germans delivered an attack with some 28 battalions in the front line and with larger forces in support, which was preceded by a very heavy

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Business Good

Business is greatly improved and speculation is reviving. Canadian Pacific, the stock that is the best index of things in Canada, has advanced twenty points in a few days, and may be 200 by tomorrow night. Steel shares in Canadian companies are also picking up because of the big war orders that are coming their way. The revenues of the Dominion are surprisingly good, and Minister of Finance White will probably have a cash balance in hand when he meets parliament. The enormous crop of the Canadian west has put a lot of pep in business, in payments, in fresh orders. Mortgages on our prairie farms are once more regarded as one of the best and safest investments in the world. Railroad-building and an inrush of new settlers both mark the situation in the Edmonton country. The big munition contracts that are to be let out in Canada will keep many men busy at good wages. Retail business is moving up. Everything points to returning prosperity, notwithstanding war—perhaps because of war!

CROIX DE GUERRE POUR DE LESSEPS

Beau-Fils de Sieur William Mackenzie Honore Par Joffre.

DEFENDEUR DE PARIS

Depuis Comme Pilot, il a Accompli de Missions de Surveillance.

The many friends of Count Jacques de Lesseps, son-in-law of Sir William Mackenzie, will be delighted to hear that he has just been awarded the Croix de Guerre—the French military cross for valor. The count left Toronto shortly after the outbreak of war and joined the aerial squad engaged in the defence of Paris. Subsequently he was sent to the front, and has since been distinguishing himself in the dangerous business of bombarding German cities and fortresses. The count's aeroplane has been pierced many times by rifle fire and shrapnel. The Countess de Lesseps, formerly Miss Grace Mackenzie is still in Paris doing her bit as a night nurse in a big Paris hospital. She writes with great pride of the gallant exploits of her husband, who has been mentioned in despatches in the following flattering terms:

"Pilote ayant au plus haut degre la notion du devoir, accompli de nombreuses missions de surveillance de jour et de nuit et pris part a des bombardments de nuit ou il s'est fait remarque par sa decision, son sang-froid et son mepris du danger."

POLITICAL WAR NOTABLY LULLS IN OLD COUNTRY

Marked Decrease Noted in Attacks on Government — Optimism Grows.

PREMIER TO BE HEARD

Speech of Mr. Asquith Expected to Be of Great Importance.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—There has been a notable decrease in the political discussions and the attacks on the government in the past few days. Equally noticeable has been the growth of optimism regarding the success of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme.

Premier Asquith's speech in the house of commons tomorrow, unless expectations are disappointed, will be one of the most important events relating to Great Britain's conduct of the war. Some of the newspapers go so far as to say that the premier's political future depends on how he acquits himself at this eventful moment.

The principal matters which the country has been discussing, and on which requests for a revelation of the government's policy have been put forth by the press and by numerous members, including some of the premier's friends, are the general Balkan position, the government's policy regarding help for Serbia, the attitude of Greece and Roumania, conscription, the censorship, reduction in the size of the cabinet, and the appointment of a general staff to have supreme direction of military operations. These subjects are on the question paper of the house, and will be dealt with.

Want Definite Details.

The prime minister is master of the art when he so desires, of putting into firm and inspiring words a statement of the government's principles and policies, which contains a minimum of

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TWELVE LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT BROOKLYN

Tenement House Was Destroyed and Bodies Were Found in Ruins.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Ten persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the three storey tenement house at 66 North Sixth street, Brooklyn, tonight. More bodies are believed to be in the ruins.

Two more bodies have been recovered, bringing the total number of dead up to 12.

The fire started in the lower part of the building and spread rapidly to the upper floors, tucting off means of escape. Nearly all the occupants were asleep when the blaze was discovered, but quick work by the police and firemen enabled them to rescue many.

The bodies of six adults and four children were among the first recovered. These were found clad in night clothes in bedrooms and in hallways. The position of several of the dead indicated that an attempt had been made to reach places of safety when overcome by the smoke.

BERT NICHOLS DIED AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

One of the Oldest Members on Composing-Room Staff of The World.

One of the oldest members of the staff of The World, and one of the best-known men in printing circles in Toronto, Bert Nichols, died yesterday morning at his residence, 67 Columbine avenue, following a short illness. The late Mr. Nichols was born in Brampton 54 years ago, and learned his trade on The Brampton Banner, later going to Durham. In 1888 he became attached to the composing room staff of The World and a year later was made foreman, which position he held up till a month ago when he resigned thru poor health.

EDITH CAVELL HOME TO BE ERECTED SOON

Arrangements are being made by the ladies' board of the Toronto Western Hospital for the erection, at the corner of Bathurst street and Rosebery avenue, of a home for nurses at the Western Hospital, to be, known as the Edith Cavell Nurses' Home. The new building will cost $100,000, and construction will be commenced in the near future.

FOUR ADVANCES BEGUN BY CZAR AGAINST FOES

France Learns From German Source of Considerable Russian Successes.

MOVEMENT ON STYR

Stripa Offensive Also Learned Thru Enemy to Be Formidable.

PARIS, Nov. 2, 1.35 a.m.—"It appears from news thru a German source, received here tonight," says The Havas correspondent at Geneva, telegraphing Monday evening, "that the Russians have taken the offensive on the Niemen and upper Szczara Rivers, as well as at Dvinsk and on the Styr and Stripa Rivers and with considerable success in the latter regions."

GERMANS AGAIN HELD UP.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 11.—The communication issued by the war office today follows:

"North of Lake Kanger, which lies northwest of Shlok, the Germans made a fruitless effort to advance.

"During one engagement today on Riga front young Lettish detachments showed valor in the baptism of fire.

"On the front in the region of Jacobstadt the artillery and rifle fire is more vigorous. On the front in the region of Dvinsk and southwards artillery duels continue. In the region of Garbounovka the Germans attempted to assume the offensive. Further south to the Pripet River there is nothing new.

Checked Near Czartorysk.

"The night of the 30th the enemy passed to the offensive in the region of Gontalissovskia, northwest of Czartorysk. At the same time a hot fight was being engaged in further south in the region of Rudnia. Our riflemen repulsed all attacks, which were marked with great stubbornness and determination. On our part we counter-attacked, capturing seven officers and four hundred Austrian soldiers.

"In the region west of Komarow, by bayonet attack, we ejected the enemy from trenches which for a long time had been disputed by both sides."

Advance Near Tarnopol.

"In Galicia, near the Village of Pokrokivna, on the Stripa, northwest of Tarnopol, on the night of the 30th we occupied portions of the enemy trenches. The enemy immediately made a counter-attack which was repulsed, and after stubborn fighting we occupied the Village of Semikovtze, on the Stripa, southwest of Tarnopol. The number of prisoners and trophies captured has not been counted.

"A Russian torpedo boat brought down in the Gulf of Riga a German hydroplane, capturing the aviators."

KING GEORGE IS IN LONDON

His Condition is Satisfactory Tho He Was Fatigued by Trip.

CHEERED BY CROWD

Elaborate Precautions to Ensure Privacy Had a Contrary Effect.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—King George returned to London this evening.

The King arrived at Buckingham Palace at 7.30 o'clock. Altho much fatigued by the journey, his condition was officially reported as satisfactory.

The King reached Victoria Station by special train. Elaborate precautions were taken to insure privacy, the greater part of the station being closed. The public exit was also closed, but the elaborate nature of the measures defeated their purpose, as they attracted a large crowd, which lined all the approaches to a considerable distance and loudly cheered when the King's motor car appeared, followed by several others containing members of his suite.

A bulletin issued at 10 a.m. said: "Improvement in the condition of the King continues. His majesty had a better night."

SEVEN GERMAN BATTALIONS CUT TO PIECES IN LOOS FIGHT

Their Losses Averaged Eighty Per Cent., Sir John French Reports—Area East of Ypres Was Shelled Violently.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—(8.31 p.m.)—Field Marshal Sir John French, reporting from the front, says: "On Oct. 29 the enemy heavily bombarded the area east of Ypres. With this exception, owing to the wet and misty weather, the artillery on both sides during the last four days has been less active. Mining activity continues on both sides.

"The returns of casualties for seven German battalions which took part in the Loos fighting, as published, show that the losses averaged 80 per cent. of the strength of these battalions."

BRITAIN PREPARED TO MEET BIG ATTACK ON SUEZ CANAL

ROME, Nov. 1.—(Via Paris)—The Austro-Germans are preparing a new offensive against the Suez Canal, according to an Athens despatch to The Tribuna, which adds that the British have made gigantic preparations to meet such an eventuality. Among other things, they have flooded the land along the canal, leaving the fortifications just standing out of the water, the defenders being supplied with provisions by gunboats.

RUSSIANS LANDED AT VARNA?

LONDON, Nov. 2. — (2.53 a.m.) — A despatch to The Times from Bucharest says:

"It is reported in naval quarters here that Russian troops were landed at Varna, in Bulgaria, on the Black Sea, Friday."

BULGAR CHECK NEAR KRIVOLAK

French Troops in Serbia Beat Off Attacks on Heights.

TWO ENEMY SETBACKS

German Activity in Champagne and Belgium Promptly Stopped.

PARIS, Nov. 1.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Belgium, in the sector of Lombaertzyde, a very spirited bombardment by the enemy was accompanied by obvious preparations for attacks which the immediate intervention of our artillery prevented from being carried out. In Champagne likewise on the whole front between Hill 193 and Tahure as well as to the south of the village, the Germans bombarded our positions. They manned their trenches and set up scaling ladders. The barrier fire of our batteries and machine guns stopped this attempt or this sham at an attack.

"The Belgian communication reports slight activity of the enemy artillery. Pervyse, Noorschoote and Pypegard have been bombarded.

"Army of the east: No event of importance occurred in the day of Oct. 30, on the Rabrovo-Dedeli front, nor in the direction of Strumitza. The Bulgarians on Oct. 30, attacked the heights which we occupy around Krivolak, on the left bank of the Vardar. Their attacks were repulsed."

ITALIANS GAIN GROUND IN FRESH OFFENSIVE

Success in Upper Cordevol Reported—Daring Raids Are Continued.

ROME (via Paris), Nov. 1.—The official communication from general headquarters, issued today, reads as follows:

"In the upper Cordevole our offensive made further progress in the valley and on the hill northwest of the Col Di Lana. In the Falzarego zone we repulsed an enemy attack on the Little Laguzuoi.

"On Podgoro height the enemy yesterday renewed his attempts to arrest our approach, but failed. On the Carso nothing of importance has occurred.

"Our aviators continue their daring raids with success. Yesterday they bombarded numerous points of military importance, including the railroad statons at Dulno and Nabresina, and trains in the latter locality."

GERMANS FACE ANOTHER CHECK

New Attempt to Reach Riga Runs Into Difficult Low Ground.

NEW BATTLES BEGIN

Russians Attack Enemy in Volhynia and Galicia to Aid Serbs.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The Germans having failed in two months of almost incessant attacks to reach Riga and Dvinsk by various routes, are now trying to advance along the railway which skirts the shores of the Gulf of Riga from Tukum and have, according to their reports, reached a point west of Schlok. This is a very slight advance, and much low ground over which it is difficult to move, lies between them and their objective.

In the Dvinsk sector, both to the west and southwest of that city, the Russians have begun an offensive, apparently in anticipation of renewed attacks by the Germans, and they are also on the move in the lake district east of Dvinsk-Vilna Railway and in Volhynia and Gallicia. The result of these various battles has not been disclosed, if, indeed, they are concluded. Those at the southern end of the line are doubtless designed to prevent the Germans and Austrians from sending reinforcements to Serbia.

HAVE YOU NOTICED STREET CAR LIGHTS?

Passengers Can Read in Comfort as Result of Change Just Inaugurated.

Have you noticed the new lighting in some of the Toronto street cars? Some class. You will be able to read your newspaper or book with more ease and in comfort as a result of the move. Small shades are being placed over every light on each side of every street car. These shades throw the light down toward the seats and the floor, instead of having it wasted on the ceiling, where no one ever looks—except when a woman is standing in front of him. It's a good idea, anyway.

HICHENS OLD FRIEND OF GENERAL HUGHES

Former Served Under His Command in South African War.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Nov. 1.—Lionel Hichens, who has succeeded D. A. Thomas as Lloyd George's representative here, and now controls the work of the shell committee, is an old acquaintance of Gen. Sir Sam Hughes. He served under his command in the South African war as a despatch rider. Many other business and professional men of good standing served in similar humble capacity in that war.

Gen. Hughes today recalled his first meeting with Mr. Hichens and subsequent interesting experiences.

LARGE SERBIAN ARSENAL FALLS BEFORE ENEMY

Loss of Kraguyevatz Will Seriously Hamper Defenders of Country.

FOE TIGHTENS CORDON

Berlin Reports French Forces Have Been Withdrawn From Gallipoli.

LONDON, Nov. 1, 10 p.m.—The Germans have occupied Kraguyevatz, the arsenal town of Serbia, which their Bulgarian allies are pushing their way thru the mountains to Nish, Serbia's war capital.

Official announcement was made by Berlin today of the capture of the Serbian arsenal of Kraguyevatz. It was claimed also that the Germans were continuing their advance from Musinovac and had occupied the heights south of the town. Trivunovo Mountain was taken and several hundred Serbians were captured. The Bulgarians are still advancing.

Kraguyevatz, which is 59 miles below Belgrade, contains a large powder factory as well as the main arsenal of Serbia, and desperate efforts have been put forth to prevent its falling into the enemy's hands. Its loss is admittedly a serious blow to Serbia.

Another Town Taken.

The Bulgarian report of Oct. 30, as made public today by the Overseas News Agency, of Berlin says:

"The Bulgarian troops, continuing their pursuit of the enemy, have taken Balaplanka (on the railway between Pirot and Nish). In the Macedonian war theatre the situation is unchanged."

Withdrawn From Gallipoli.

Berlin reports that French troops which have arrived in Serbia by way

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GOVERNOR OF BRUSSELS REMOVED BY KAISER?

Man Chiefly Responsible for Miss Cavell's Fate is Disciplined.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—General Sauberzweig, the military governor of Brussels, has left that city, and his successor, whose name has not yet been learned, has been appointed, according to a Rotterdam despatch to The Daily Telegraph, which says that Sauberzweig, who is an Austrian cavalry officer, succeeded Gen. von accession, the despatch adds, introasseccion, the despatch adds, introduced a new note of severity, which culminated in the execution of Edith Cavell. He signed the death sentence, and kept the matter a secret, which permitted of the execution before any appeal could succeed.

His last proclamation threatened severe penalties for concealment of arms.

"It is noteworthy," the correspondent further says, "that last week the emperor made a tour of the principal towns in Belgium occupied by the Germans. His presence may be assumed to have resulted in the removal of General Sauberzweig."

YOU NEED THOSE FURS NOW.

Why delay longer in making the purchase of that fur set or coat that you have had in mind? Do you know that fur coats are rapidly advancing? In the London market raw furs have advanced 50 per cent., and this raise is bound to reflect on finished stocks before long. Buy now when prices are low and stocks are complete. It is the wise way to save money and get the best quality furs. The W. & D. Dineen Company, Ltd., have the finest stock of furs that they have ever shown in 50 years of fur selling. Make it a point to come in and inspect the display today. 140 Yonge Street.

COUNCIL ENDORSES WICKETT BY REVERSING EARLIER VOTE THEN REVERSED IT AGAIN

Stormy Session at Two o'Clock This Morning Breaks Loose at City Hall and Aldermen Threaten to Resign.

At twenty minutes to two o'clock this morning the reversal of the vote taken by the city council earlier in the evening to not include the city's share of local improvements in the borrowing power, brought on a storm.

Ald. Maguire declared, "This is a most serious trouble, you are now taking a retrograde step. Let us get a report on the whole city's affairs. I never heard tell of such a vicious act."

Ald. Cameron: "Rather than be a party to that iniquitous proposition, I will resign my seat in council."

trafficking with the good name of the trafficking with the good name of the city. You are not playing fair with the citizens, and you have no right to do it. Every cent should go against the borrowing power, and now to swing around at this late hour in order to try and get a park site thru.

"It is time we had a finance commission. It is a step in the wrong direction. We are going back a hundred years."

Opened People's Eyes.

"Ald. Wickett's letter has opened the eyes of the people. They are along the right lines. He is to be commended."

Ald. Maguire: "I say these 10 men who voted against this should resign."

At this point pandemonium reigned, several members getting to their feet. Controller Spence at last got a hearing. "If these men were to resign we would still have a quorum, a quorum of martyrs, and they would go right on doing the city's business."

Ald. Maguire again asked the controller to stick to facts, and order again had to be called.

Misleading Statement.

Ald. Wickett declared that Controller Spence's statement that the council was only asked to advise the city treasurer what it desired was misleading. "If he was sincere he would have said that the object of the recommendation is to serve the city treasurer in exempting the local improvement cost from the borrowing limit."

"He said he would do so if the city solicitor advised him," said the controller.

"But if the city solicitor will not advise him in favor of such a change," added Ald. Wickett.

Ald. Maguire drew in somewhat, but thought that with such an issue at stake, warmth is excusable. If the city treasurer had advised the change he would not have opposed. "Controller Spence is leading the council into a trap," said Ald. Maguire. "If the city treasurer had no more backbone, it was time he was discharged, but I don't believe Mr. Patterson will take any notice of your recommendation."

Controller Thompson was of the opinion that the statements of Controller Spence would be backed up.

Ald. McBride: "Ald. Ryding in voting said this is the only way I can get a park."

At ten minutes after two the vote was again reversed, and the recommendation will go back. Those in favor of sending back were Mayor Church, Controller Foster, Ald. Cameron, Cowan, Gibbon, Maguire, McBride, Roden, Ryding Spence, Walton, Wickett. Against: Controller Spence Thompson, Meredith, Ramsden, Warren, Ball, Weir and Robbins.

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