

Going to Fight; Fleeing From Fighting; Recovering From Wounds

GERMANS BEATEN IN MANY ATTACKS

British Army Covered Itself With Glory in Battles Along River Lys.

ENEMY'S LOSS TERRIBLE

Leadership of Germans Bad—Troops Brave, But Poorly Trained.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Another eye-witness account from the battle front in France and Belgium, written as previously by Col. E. D. Swinton, of the intelligence department of the British general staff, was given out today by the official press bureau. It bears the date of Oct. 28.

After recounting the transference of the troops from the line of the Aisne under the nose of the enemy without losses, the narrative proceeds:

Enemy Assumes Offensive.—After the fall of Antwerp and the release of the besieging troops there was a gradual increase in the strength of the opposition met with by us. Tuesday, Oct. 20, the arrival opposite us of a large portion of new formations and a considerable number of heavy guns enabled the enemy to assume the offensive practically against the whole of our line at the same time that they attacked the Belgians between us and the coast.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the new German formations again attacked. We were in force vigorously all along our line. On our right, south of the front, an attack on our lines was repulsed with loss to the assailants. On the other hand we were driven from some ground round our front north, but regained it by a counter attack.

Their casualties to the southeast of Arrmentieres were estimated at over 6000. The Battle of La Ghivert.

On the north of the Lys, in our centre, a fiercely contested action took place near La Ghivert, which village was captured in the morning by the enemy and then retaken by us. In this direction the German casualties were extremely heavy. One battalion of their 104th Regiment was practically wiped out, some 400 men being picked up by us in a captured trench.

Incidentally, by our counter attack, we took 120 prisoners and released some forty of our men who had been captured. It is a pleasure to record that our men were very well treated by their captors. They afterwards, being placed in cellars for protection from the bombardment of our own guns.

On the 22nd, our troops advanced against the German 26th division advanced near Passchendaele and were met by a determined counter-offensive, which was driven back with great loss.

On the 23rd, the German renewed their efforts unsuccessfully in this quarter. At one point they tried a ruse which no longer is new. As they came up for a solid line two deep they shouted out: "Don't fire! We have seen the Coldstream Guards." Our men, however, were getting used to tricks of this kind and the only result was that they allowed the enemy's infantry to approach quite close to the wire.

On the 24th, the 4th division advanced near Passchendaele and were met by a determined counter-offensive, which was driven back with great loss.

On the 25th, the 22nd saw a renewal of the pressure against us. We succeeded, however, in holding our ground in nearly every quarter.

The Germans advanced in the evening against our centre and our left and were again hurled back, though they gained some of our trenches in the latter quarter.

On Friday, the 27th, all action south of the Lys, on our right, was confined to that of artillery, several of the heaviest batteries being allocated. North of the Lys, the 23rd saw a renewal of the pressure against us.

On the 28th, the 23rd was a bad day for the Germans. Advancing, we drove them from some of the trenches, out of which they had turned us, captured 100 prisoners and released some of our men whom they had taken.

On the 29th, our guns did great execution. They afterwards made five desperate assaults on our trenches, advancing in mass, and singing "Die Wacht am Rhein."

Each assault early was beaten back. During the fighting in this quarter of the night of the 29th and the 30th, the German losses again were extremely heavy. We made over 400 prisoners and picked up 1500 dead killed on the latter day alone.

Much of the slaughter was due to the point-blank machine gun fire of our troops against the German assaults, which, in field guns and howitzers, working in perfect combination, did their share when the enemy were repulsed. As they fell back they were subjected to a shower of shrapnel; when they sought shelter in pillboxes or buildings, they were shrapnel and driven out by highly explosive shells, and then again caught by shrapnel as they came into the open.

Leading Bad Training Poor.—The troops to suffer so severely were mostly of the Twenty-third Corps, one of their new formations. Certainly, the way their advance was conducted showed a lack of training and faults in leadership which the almost superhuman bravery of the soldiers could not counteract. It was a holocaust.

The spectacle of these devoted men, chanting a national song as they marched to certain death, was inspiring. It was, at the same time, pitiable, and if any proof be needed that untrained valor alone cannot gain the day in modern warfare, the advance of the Twenty-third German Corps on Oct. 28 most assuredly furnished it.

Besides doing its share of execution on the hostile infantry, our artillery in this quarter brought down a German captive balloon. As some gas of the rate which our guns were firing at it was for them an ideal target, it may be mentioned that one field battery expended 1800 rounds of ammunition during one day.



Belgian soldiers cheering the arrival of British reinforcements.

Empress Eugenie, who has converted her house at Farnboro, England, into a military hospital, making her daily round among the convalescents.

Children fleeing from Antwerp.

NAVAL VOLUNTEER CORPS TO BE FORMED AT OTTAWA

Two Hundred Men Estimated to Be Available for This Service.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—A corps of Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers is to be formed at Ottawa. It is announced tonight that an organization meeting will be held next week, under the auspices of the Ottawa Motorboat Association. Commodore MacMillan is interesting himself in the movement. It is estimated that 200 men will join in amongst these being the owners of 40 of the best motorboats and cruisers on the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers. This action is approved by the naval service department.

MORE GUELPH MEN OFF.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—An additional seven men left Guelph this afternoon for the front. They are the 10th Battalion Rifles at the mobilization camp at London. They boarded a special car at the Grand Trunk Station, containing the men from the northern part of the county. There was a crowd at the station to see them off and they were given a hearty cheer as the train pulled out. The men enlisted at Fergus, Harriston, Palmerston, Clitheroe and other places and are a fine looking body of soldiers.

HAD LEG BROKEN.

Joe Stolberg, a newsboy, residing at 121 Oxford street, received serious injuries when he was crushed between an auto truck and a street car at Bloor street and Spadina avenue yesterday. He is in Grace Hospital with a broken leg and other injuries.

MORE REBELS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The colonial office has been notified of further captures and surrenders of the Boer rebels commanded by Col. Maritz.

BROKE LIQUOR LICENSE LAW.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Archibald Conill for selling liquor without a license by Magistrate Denison in the police court yesterday.

CAUCASIANS RALLYING TO RUSSIA'S SUPPORT

PETROGRAD, Nov. 3.—Telegrams received here from Zhitia, the capital of the province of the Caucasus, report the demonstrations of all ranks and nationalities before the palace of the governor-general, all in the name of the Russian emperor, and in allegiance to Russia. A regiment of 5000 Armenian cavalry, formed on the first evidence of Turkey's hostility toward Russia, is being augmented momentously with large numbers of new recruits.

DESERTIONS INCREASE FROM THE GERMAN ARMY

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. AMSTERDAM, Nov. 3.—From Ghent comes word that the desertions from the German army are constantly increasing, and the roads are blocked by convoys bearing German wounded. German military headquarters have been transferred from Ghent to Thiel, in West Flanders, according to German reverses.

IN BONDAGE, BUT WE OF GREAT BRITAIN ARE FREE.

I feel this war will be long and trying, concluded Mr. Lemieux. "Reverses we will have, but the result will never be in doubt."

ENEMY FALLS BACK BEFORE BELGIANS

Advanced Forces Find Everywhere Signs of Precipitate German Retreat.

Canadian Press Despatch. HAVRE, Nov. 3.—An official communication given out by the Belgian general staff, and dated Nov. 2, 9:15 p.m., says: "The enemy has fallen back towards the coast, abandoning his dead and wounded. "Our troops are holding the positions occupied yesterday. "Our advanced forces which moved towards the Yser are finding everywhere signs of precipitate retreat. "A German officer confesses that the enemy lost 40,000 men, of whom 10,000 were killed. "Our troops have delivered attacks between Dixmude and Noordhoek. Between Dixmude and Zonnebeke the situation is unchanged. "After violent fighting between Zonnebeke and Lys, the allies maintained their positions except in the environs of Massines, and at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon successfully resumed the offensive. To the south of the River Lys no important fighting is reported."

POLICE TO SEIZE GERMANS' WEAPONS

Will Lessen Possibilities of Enemies Adherents' Uprising in Toronto.

Owing to the persistent rumors prevalent concerning the possibility of an invasion by Germans residing in the United States, the detective department is temporarily seizing all firearms in the possession of Germans in the city, regardless of whether they are naturalized citizens. This move was made to assist the militia authorities. If the Germans behave themselves during the war their property will be restored to them.

REPUBLICAN RETURNED TO SENATE — WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION DEFEATED.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 3.—The election of Warren G. Harding, Republican, to succeed Theodore E. Burton, Republican, in the United States Senate, an extremely close race between Gov. Joseph M. Cox, Democrat, and Frank B. Willis, Republican, for governor; the decisive defeat of both the woman's suffrage and the prohibition amendments; and the probable passage of "the home rule amendment," all act alleged to favor the "wet" interest, is the result thus far indicated in the election in Ohio today. Democratic and Republican state committees claim victory for governor, but both admit that the plurality will be small. The Progressive candidates polled an exceptionally small vote compared with 1912.

NOT TO MOLEST COTTON CARGOES FOR RUSSIA

Germany Makes Promise in Return for Receiving Shipments From U.S.

Canadian Press Despatch. AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 3.—The Berlin *Neussische Zeitung* says it learns from James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, that not only will the importation of German chemicals to America soon be generally agreed to, but also the importation of American cotton to Europe in ships flying the American flag.

TURKEY WILL HOLD ALLIES' SUBJECTS

Wants Guarantees That Turks Will Be Protected in Britain, Russia and France.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Until definite guarantees are given by Russia, England and France for the protection of Turkish subjects, the Ottoman Empire will hold practically as hostages all the subjects of the triple entente powers within its territory.

FIVE TORONTO MEN IN SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

Reservists Hurried to Join Welsh Borderers When the Call Went Out.

Army reservists of the South Wales Border Regiment called from Canada for the front. Drummer Henry Rogers (the third on top row from the left) is writing to his parents at 144 Broom avenue, Earls Court, from Brecon, South Wales, where the men are now encamped. Says: "We expect to leave here for Pembroke dock to take the boat for the continent at any moment."

CLOSE CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR IN OHIO

Republican Returned to Senate — Women's Suffrage and Prohibition Defeated.

It has been rumored for a number of days that the crown prince was wounded rather severely in the fighting in France. Reports to this effect came from Basle, Switzerland, saying that he was ill in a Swiss hospital. Another story said that the prince had been taken to the palace at Strasbourg for treatment.

NO CATTLE IMPORTATIONS FROM TWO MORE STATES

By a Staff Reporter. The department of customs has issued an order prohibiting the importation of cattle, hay, straw, etc., from Illinois and Pennsylvania. The outbreak of foot and mouth disease has spread from Michigan and Indiana to these two states. Importations of cattle from Michigan and Indiana was prohibited by an order issued on Oct. 17 last.

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CALL TO DUTY RANG OUT LOUD

Hon. W. H. Hearst Delivered Inspiring Address at Massey Hall Meeting.

THEATRES AND SINGING

National Chorus Sang Anthems of the Allies Before a Crowded House.

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