

The British, Russian and Italian Armies Hold Back Enemy on Their Respective Battle Fronts

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MORE HUN AIR RAIDS ON ENGLAND; CROWN PRINCE BEATEN AT VERDUN

THE FRENCH THREW BACK HUN ATTACKS

Army of Crown Prince Makes Repeated Charges in Verdun Region.

GERMANS SUSTAIN SEVERE LOSSES

Violent Fighting in Places Where Enemy Gained a Foothold.

ENEMY GAINS NO ADVANTAGE

French Leave Trenches and Gallantly Drive Back Assaults.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Germans made repeated attacks against the French lines today, particularly north of Verdun, where they were driven back under the French fire along a front of about a mile and a quarter. Secondary attacks north of Besonvaux and near Beaumont were also repulsed with sanguinary losses, according to the statement of the war office tonight. The text reads: "On the Aisne front the artillery action was very spirited in the neighborhood of Braye-en-Laonnois, Cerny and Hurlébois. We repulsed a surprise attack against our small posts north of Braye.

Attack Trenches. "On the right bank of the Meuse, following the bombardment reported in the morning communication, the Germans attacked our trenches north of Bole-Le-Chaume along a front of about two kilometers. The attack was carried out by four battalions supported by special assaulting troops. Disorganized by our fire, the enemy was unable to reach our lines on the greater part of the front of the attack. In some trench elements in the center, where the enemy had succeeded in gaining a foothold, violent fighting ensued which ended to our advantage. Our soldiers, after inflicting heavy losses on the adversary, remained masters of their positions.

Sanguinary Losses. "At the same time two secondary attacks were delivered, one north of Besonvaux, the other southeast of Beaumont, these likewise suffered sanguinary check by reason of the valor of our troops, who, leaving their own trenches advanced fiercely to meet their assailants. "In the course of the afternoon, two new attempts carried out against our trenches in the Bole-Le-Chaume resulted only in augmenting the number of losses suffered by the enemy without gaining for him the slightest advantage. We took about fifty prisoners in the course of this action.

BARK WITH TWENTY MEN LIKELY LOST

Whaler Alice Knowles of New Bedford Thought to Have Foundered.

Boston, Sept. 24.—The captain of the whaling schooner William A. Graber, at New Bedford, reports the probable loss with twenty men of the whaling bark Alice Knowles in a hurricane off Bermuda on September 5. The Graber sighted much wreckage from the Knowles and was almost carried to the bottom himself during the tempest.

LAFOLLETTE IS DENOUNCED BY ROOSEVELT

Declares Wisconsin Senator Should Be Deprived of His Seat at Washington—Wants U. S. to Declare War on Austria.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 24.—"It were this minute a member of the United States Senate, I would be ashamed to sit in that body until found out some method of deposing Senator La Follette of his seat in that chamber which he now disgraces by his presence there," Col. Theodore Roosevelt declared in a talk today at a luncheon given for Major General Leonard Wood and himself as a part of the middle western patriotic campaign of this city.

Continuing his remarks concerning congress, Colonel Roosevelt asserted that if Congress had taken the action three years ago that it has since the declaration of war, the war would have been over.

MRS. A. G. BLAIR PASSES AWAY

Was Formerly Miss Annie E. Thompson of Fredericton.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The death occurred tonight of Mrs. A. G. Blair, widow of the Hon. A. G. Blair, former minister of railways and canals. She was in her 74th year.

Mrs. Blair was Miss Annie E. Thompson, for years connected with the New Brunswick educational department at Fredericton. She was married to Mr. Blair on Oct. 31, 1867. Ten children, seven daughters and three sons were born of the union.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE OFFENSIVE

Capture German Defensive Position in Sector of Silseme.

ITALIANS HOLD BACK AUSTRIANS

Argentina Mobilizing Navy and There is Much Military Activity.

In Flanders there has been no great infantry activity although the opposing armies are busy. The German line is reported heavy on both banks of the Scarpe, east of Arras, around Lens and northeast of Ypres. On the Elpa-Dvinsk sector of the eastern front, the Russians continue their efforts to drive the Germans back toward the Dvina in the region immediately southeast of Biga. Petrograd reports the capture of a German defensive position in the sector of Silseme. In further comment upon the booty taken at Jacobsbad last week, Berlin officially makes the statement that quantities of provisions, including bread and flour were captured there.

Austrians Fall. There have been no further infantry actions on the Banatza Plateau, northeast of Gorizia, or on the Carso. Northwest of Trent in the region of Marone-da, the Austrian-Hungarians have failed in an attempt to dislodge the Italians from their recently won gains.

Argentina is mobilizing her navy and there is much military activity in the republic. Ostensibly this action is due to the general strike of Argentine railroad men, but it is reported the general staff is preparing for other probable eventualities.

WILL FIX PRICES OF FOOD SOON

Wheat, Flour, Bread and Potatoes to Be Regulated.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 24.—Food controller Hanna today stated in an interview that prices of wheat, flour, bread and potatoes, in Canada, would be fixed in a short time, but just when the announcement would be made he could not say. Information and statistics have been gathered that will result in the prices of these staples being regulated. In some cases the prices cannot be fixed and the public will be informed why this is so. As regards the price of beef, Mr. Hanna pointed out that this was a difficult thing to regulate. The price of beef in Canada is determined by the price of beef in England.

GT. NORTHWESTERN IS POOR LOSER

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 24.—The Evening Citizen says today: "The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company fought a stubborn fight and it is a poor loser." This was the comment of Judge E. G. Gunn, who acted as chairman of the conciliation board in the dispute between the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company and its operators, when he was informed this morning that the men had gone on strike. Judge Gunn was of the opinion that the company would have to give in and grant the men class rates as in vogue in the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph. Judge Gunn said it appeared to him that the Great Northwestern had been able to get more out of its men for less money than any other concern he knew of. Apparently the practice had been to move the men about so that they would never obtain the maximum remuneration.

ELECTION IN FEBRUARY?

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 24.—A general election will not be held until February. That was the inference to be drawn from a remark made by Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce in the Borden cabinet, at a largely attended meeting of Wychwood Conservatives, held this evening.

The minister's statement from which the inference is to be deduced was: "We shall take up four months, maybe five months, in preparing for carrying on and deciding this election in Canada. Is it possible that the government can give that thought and that support to the progress of the war that it could give, if there was no contest at the polls?"

MONTREAL IN HOLE

Montreal, Sept. 24.—This city's deficit will be \$2,250,000, according to a report prepared for presentation to the Board of Control. The shortage of funds is to be felt in every branch of the service from sidewalk and street work to police and fire protection.

GOOD NEWS FOR SOLDIERS

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 24.—Returned soldiers who were affected by the order-in-council of January, 1916, cancelling working pay will rejoice to hear that this order has now been repealed, according to official information received here by the G. W. V. A. Army tradesmen who were discharged on stoppage of working pay will receive from Ottawa that pay which was due to them to date of discharge.

TREMENDOUS GUN-FIRE BY THE GERMANS

Enemy Repelled After Hard Local Battle East of Langemarck.

HUNS HURLED FROM POSITION

Germans Fail in Attack on Advanced Post Northwest of Lens.

British front in France and Belgium, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press) —The German guns were exceedingly active during last night on the northern half of the recent battlefield and at times the artillery reached a stage of great intensity. Several enemy batteries were put down on the British front line, while on the extreme left considerable gas was employed but no infantry action is reported as having taken place.

Further north the French also were under an increased fire and in the coast sectors the enemy's artillery likewise was heavy. No report being made the objective of a severe bombardment.

In the southern section of the field of the recent offensive conditions were more quiet. A hard local battle was fought at close quarters, just northeast of Langemarck yesterday as a result of a German attempt to regain lost positions.

The outcome of this struggle was that the German assault not only was broken up but in a counter-drive the British hurled the enemy from its strong position which he had held since the offensive began last Thursday.

The conflict centered in a strong defense trench near the Louis Farm. The British occupied part of these defenses on Thursday but the Germans had clung tenaciously to several hundred yards of ground. On Saturday they had brought up storming troops and yesterday launched a furious attack in an endeavor to dislodge the British. Brief but bitter fighting followed with rifle and bayonet and so viciously did the British meet the onslaught that the enemy was driven back leaving a considerable number of prisoners. Half an hour later the British launched an attack on the section of a trench held by the Germans. The battle raged for several hours, the attacking troops finally driving them out of their position.

The weather continues clear and the British are enlarging out rapidly the work of consolidation throughout the front. Last evening the Germans made a local attack on an advanced British post northwest of the city of Lens after heavy artillery preparation and pushed this post back to the British line. Early today the enemy laid down a barrage fire on trenches east of Monchy and also from Roux to the Chemical Works, for a short time, but this far no infantry attack has been reported.

POWDER EXPLOSION BURNS WOMAN

Soldier's Wife Threw Explosive on Fire Among Rubbish.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 24.—Mrs. James Snow of Pearl St. was severely burned about the face this afternoon by the explosion of powder at her home. She was burning rubbish and it contained a small bag of powder which was thrown on the fire. The result was an explosion which will mark the victim of the accident for life. The injured woman is the wife of Pte. James Snow of the 15th, battalion.

WORLD WHEAT CROP BETTER

Total 1,665,489,000 Bushels, An Increase of 3.3 Per Cent.

OWNER OF ADAMS HOUSE, BOSTON, LOSES LIFE

George G. Hall Fatally Hurt in Automobile Accident—Daughter of Another Hotel Owner Killed in Second Accident.

Boston, Sept. 24.—George G. Hall, proprietor of the Adams House, and one of the best known hotel men in the country, is dead of injuries received by being thrown from an automobile in Rhode Island when an electric car struck the motor. He was 74 years of age.

NINE KILLED IN HURRICANE

Kingston, Ja., Sept. 24.—Nine persons were killed and much property damage was caused at Port Antonio in the hurricane which struck the island of Jamaica yesterday. The customs house there was destroyed and a large hotel was damaged badly. Coasting vessels were damaged. Advice from the interior and north side of the island indicate that considerable damage was done to buildings.

TWENTY-SIX CASUALTIES IN ENGLAND

Teutonic Air Fleets Attack London, Kent, Essex, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

HARVEST MOON AIR CAMPAIGN

Population of London Panics Well and No Panic Resulted.

GERMANS EMPLOY AIR TORPEDOES

Spectacular Fireworks and Scream of Torpedoes Features of Attacks.

London, Sept. 25.—Hostile airships early this morning appeared off the coasts of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. An official announcement says the raid is still in progress and that no details have yet been received.

Raid in South.

London, Sept. 24.—Hostile airplanes attacked the southeast coast of England this evening. According to the official announcement the raiders came in different places in Kent and Essex. A few of them followed the Thames and attacked London. Bombs were dropped at several points. The casualties so far reported are six persons killed and about twenty injured.

The raid on London occurred between eight and nine o'clock, and lasted about forty-five minutes.

British airmen engaged the raiders, but with what results is not yet known. The Germans used a number of aerial torpedoes. The German planes appeared over the southeastern district of London soon after eight o'clock and the engagement lasted until nearly half past nine. The raiders were scattered and did not come in compact formation. Many star shells were used by the defense guns, giving the appearance of spectacular fireworks. The scream of the torpedoes used by the Germans was distinguishable easily from the explosions of guns or bombs. The people of London behaved extremely well. They followed police instructions for taking cover and there was no panic across the coast of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. The result of their visit has not yet been learned.

THE HINDENBURG LINE—FRONT LINE OF THE LAURIER OFFENSIVE

