

THE STEWART GOVERNMENT NOW COMPLETE

GERMAN DRIVE ON OESEL ISLAND CONTINUES; SLAVS FIGHT HARD



HON. GEORGE P. SMITH
Minister of Public Works
of the Stewart government
of Alberta.

RUSSIANS SUCCEED IN PREVENTING REINFORCEMENTS FOR GERMAN TROOPS—LITTLE FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT—ARE KEEPING TROOPS TO TRENCHES

Apparently there has been no cessation in the hurried program of the Germans to seize in its entirety the Russian island of Oesel, at the head of the Gulf of Finland. But although their troops have now taken the greater part of the island, the aid they had expected from their fleet in putting down Russian opposition in adjacent waters is meeting with considerable resistance from the Russian warships.

The Russians are disinclined to throw their naval vessels into a general engagement with the invaders, fearing that superiority of the Germans will result in losses to them which would leave open the pathway through the Gulf of Finland up to Petrograd. But in a small battle with torpedo craft and possibly light cruisers the Russians have sunk two German torpedo boats and damaged two others in Soela sound, while the Russians themselves lost a torpedo boat destroyer. The Germans' small craft were accompanied by a battleship and put to sea after the engagement.

RUSSIANS RESISTING DESPERATELY

The German land forces now are driving hard against the Svorb peninsula, on the southeastern portion of the island. According to the Berlin war office, the Russians in this region are isolated, but are desperately resisting. Berlin reports also that Abro island, off the southern coast of Oesel and Runo island, in the middle of the Gulf of Riga, have been occupied by the Teutonic troops. It is asserted that 2,400 prisoners, 30 guns, 21 machine guns and several airplanes were captured by the Germans in Oesel.

KEEPING TO THE TRENCHES

The troops of the entente allies are still keeping to their trenches, probably awaiting a betterment of soil conditions, which the recent rains and flooded streams rendered almost impracticable for attacks. Possibly, however, Field Marshal Haig and the French commander on the left have not yet sufficiently pounded the Germans with their big guns to warrant the turning loose of the infantry for further gains.

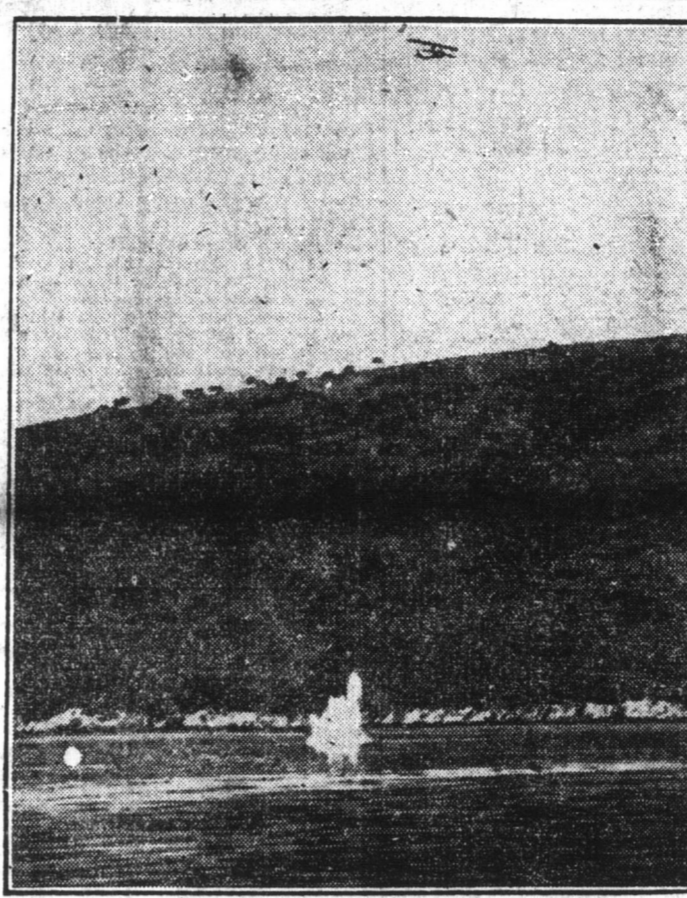
HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION

Day and night the British and French guns are showering the Germans with the usual mass of steel, which is thrown upon them prior to an attack, while the Germans at various points, especially in the salient of the Ypres-Staden railway are replying vigorously. To the south along the Aisne front the Germans, following a lively bombardment, have again attacked the French and succeeded in penetrating their entrenchments. As has been customary, however, the French immediately counter-attacked and regained the lost ground.

ITALIANS PREPARING AGAIN

Little fighting of great intensity, except by the artillery wings of the opposing forces, is taking place in any of the war theaters, but there is every indication that shortly along the Isonzo front, in the Austro-Italian zone, another big battle will begin. From the head of the Adriatic northward to the Battaglia plateau, intense artillery duels are in progress along the front lines, and against the Austrian lines of communication in the rear. Considerable activity also is in progress on the Carso front.

Aerial raids in force have been resumed by British naval aviators on German positions in Belgium. The Bruges docks and several airbases have been successfully bombed.



FRENCH AVIATOR VERSUS GERMAN SUBMARINE

Not a week passes without some official note of the part played by hydroplanes attacking with success enemy submarines. In the course of interesting cruises ally pilots scan the sea in search of U-boats, which are visible to the experienced eyes of the observer. The photo shows a French machine throwing a bomb on a submerged German submarine. The track of the submarine can be seen in front of the exploding bomb.

GEORGE P. SMITH, CAMROSE, IS NEW CABINET MEMBER

Premier Stewart Himself Takes Vacant Portfolio of Telephones and Railways

SHIFT FOR McLEAN

Southern Minister Goes to Public Works; New Minister Becomes Secretary

Edmonton, Oct. 16.—Announcement regarding the personnel of the new provincial cabinet was made by Premier Stewart this afternoon, following the ceremony of swearing in the new provincial secretary, Hon. George P. Smith, of Camrose, and the new minister of public works, Hon. A. J. McLean, of Lethbridge, which took place at the office of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Brett, at the parliament buildings, at 4 p.m. The new cabinet is as follows:

President of the council and minister of railways and telephones—Hon. Charles Stewart, of Killam.
Minister of public works—Hon. Archie J. McLean, of Lethbridge.
Minister of education—Hon. J. R. Boyle, of Edmonton.
Attorney-general—Hon. C. W. Cross, of Edmonton.
Provincial treasurer—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, of Edmonton.
Minister of agriculture—Hon. Duncan Marshall, of Olds.
Minister of public affairs—Hon. Wilfrid Garfield, of Edmonton.
Provincial secretary—Hon. George P. Smith, of Camrose.

Premier Stewart was also sworn in as minister of railways and telephones, but the other ministers were not required to take the oath of office, as they retain their former portfolios.

Hon. G. P. Smith is the new provincial secretary, in the editor and proprietor of the Camrose Canadian.

RUSSIAN MUNITION FACTORIES BEST OF KIND IN WORLD

Encouraging Report From Commission Which Recently Made Inspection

NEW PLANTS BUILDING

Shortage of Rolling Stock on Railways; Everything Reported Up-to-Date

Stockholm, Oct. 16.—An encouraging report as to the military factories in the interior of Russia comes from the commission, headed by General Gerngross, of the Russian army and an English general which has just finished a tour of inspection of all the factories newly erected or under erection for the manufacture of airplanes, arms and ammunition.

The Associated Press correspondent talked at the Russian legation here with a man who had taken part in this tour of inspection and who accompanied the two generals to Stockholm. He reports that Russia's new factories, the creation of which became necessary through the diminution of supplies from other countries, were found to be the most modern in equipment and efficient factories of their kind in the world. The experience of the other allies, according to his account, had been drawn on in full measure and the lessons learned had been taken advantage of to such an extent that the existing general plants were surprised at what they found.

The new plants include a great airplane factory now nearly completed, a large machine gun factory, already working to full capacity, and artillery factories of various kinds, as further

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WAR CLAIMS ON LIFE COMPANIES EXCEED \$4,500,000

More Than Double Amount Paid Out in That Way Two Years Ago

MUCH MORE BUSINESS

Total Amount of Policies in 1916 Exceeded That of Previous Year by Nearly Ten Millions

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The life insurance companies in Canada were affected by war mortality to a much greater extent than previously is shown by the annual report of the superintendent of insurance just issued. It shows that in 1916 there were 10 American companies operating in this country on the other hand show a decrease in the amount of policies taken of \$1,925,241. In 1915 they had an increase of \$12,863,302.

Notwithstanding the difficulties arising out of the war, the total amount of policies in Canada taken during the year 1916 was \$21,101,826, which is greater than the amount taken in 1915 by \$1,925,241. The Canadian companies, whose number 28, show an increase in 1916 of \$4,473,044 in 1916. Seven British companies doing business in Canada show an increase of \$17,688,889. The details of the figures are as follows: Canadian companies \$188,701,281; British and colonial \$4,260,633; United States \$27,449,711.

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U.S. LIFTS CORN EMBARGO WITH MEXICO ON TERMS

Mexico Will Reciprocate by Removing Restrictions on Metal Exports to the U.S.

New York, Oct. 16.—That the United States will relax the embargo on the export of corn from this country to Mexico, on condition that the restrictions on the export of metals from Mexico be removed, is indicated in an Associated Press dispatch from El Paso, Texas, tonight, giving the terms of a tentative agreement between the two countries, which provides that in return for Mexico's concessions the United States agrees to permit one million bushels of corn to be exported each month to the Mexican chamber of commerce to be distributed by it and sold at a profit of not more than five per cent. Mexican Ambassador Ignacio Bonillas cabled his approval of the tentative agreement to the government, and it is expected to become effective at once, according to the telegram received here.

OFFICIALS BELIEVE STOCKYARDS FIRE INCENDIARY ORIGIN

11,000 Cattle and 3,300 Hogs Destroyed When Flames Sweep Cattle Pens of Big U.S. Yards

Kansas City, Oct. 16.—Reports that the fire, which today destroyed a large portion of the Kansas City stockyards and resulted in the death of 11,000 cattle and 3,300 hogs, was of an incendiary origin, persist, though discredited by officials of the company owning the yards.

While no definite fire damage estimates have as yet been made, insurance adjusters and officials of the stockyards place the loss at approximately \$760,000.

Investigations were made during the day of the burned area by officials of the Kansas City fire department who believe the fire was set, but declare that the area is so devastated that no indications of an incendiary origin could have escaped the flames.

The statement of the officers is based largely upon the assertions of Lieut. E. J. Bishop, of the first fire company to arrive, who said that three of the fires were burning fully 2,000 yards apart in different portions of the yards.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL; CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS REPLY

Several Conscientious Objectors File Claims for Exemption; Aliens Claiming Exemption From Service

MEDICALLY UNFIT

Previously Examined By Medical Board and Found Unfit to Perform Military Duty

When is an actor a portrayer of the classic drama—a conscientious objector? Does one farmer require the energetic efforts of four sons, all of military age, to produce a crop?

Thou shalt not kill, verily, but thou canst do nothing.

All of the foregoing was brought before the military registrar yesterday, contained in the claims for exemption received. The first man gave his occupation as an actor—bad, good or indifferent not stated—but he did say he was a good conscientious objector. Perhaps in portraying Macbeth he has had his fill of killing blood.

Four applications were received from four brothers, whose ages run from 21 to 29. They all claim exemption because they are working for father who is a farmer.

Another application for exemption from military service was received from a conscientious objector because he is a working for father who is a farmer. This man only claimed exemption on the ground of his medical history.

One peculiar feature with regard to the forms received is the fact that nearly every man who is examined previously, and rejected by the medical board, does not claim exemption, but fills in and completes the report for service form, in which he is rejected for service.

Registrar Carson reports that he is receiving a number of report forms and claims for exemption from aliens. These men, under a misapprehension, have obtained the forms from postmasters and filed them. They will be dealt with by the tribunals before which they appear.

TO INTRODUCE GOVERNMENT

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—On Monday evening next in Winnipeg a public meeting will be addressed by Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior; Hon. James A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization; and Hon. Thomas A. Cregar, minister of agriculture.

The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce the new union government to the people of western Canada.

GERMAN'S HORRIBLE TREATMENT OF THE AFRICAN PRISONERS

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CHIEF OF BOGIES VISITS FRIENDS IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Emperor William on a Tour to Encourage Desperate Allies; Bulgarians Ambitious

London, Oct. 16.—The German emperor arrived at Constantinople today, according to a Reuters dispatch received by way of Amsterdam. He was met at the station by the sultan, the imperial princes, grand vizier, ministers, senators, deputies and other prominent personages, including the German admiral, von Koch.

An exchange telegraph dispatch says that after a two days' visit to Constantinople the emperor will inspect the defenses in the Dardanelles.

To Take Saloniki
Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—The Weser Zeitung suggests that the visit to Sofia of the German emperor and Dr. Euehmann has as its object to encourage a Bulgarian attack on General Sarrail's army, with Saloniki as a reward in the event of success. The paper adds that Bulgaria is to be expected at an early date. The writer of the article says that Bulgaria will be able to bring 800,000 men against Gen. Sarrail, while still leaving 200,000 available for Dobruja.



CANADA A U-BOAT ZONE

London, Oct. 16.—According to news from Berlin in an Associated Press dispatch received by the admiralty by wireless press, Germany expected shortly to declare the coasts of the United States, Canada and Cuba war zones.



SHOPPING A RUSSIAN RUNAWAY SOLDIER
British officer, assisted by a Russian soldier, is shown halting a man who is trying to make off during the fighting on the Galician front.

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